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Rudi Gutendorf, watching an under 19 trial game in Adelaide last week.

I'll do it my way and that means goals!

Goals is what soccer is all about. Goals bring spectators through the turnstiles. Goals are entertainment.

I aim to make the national team the model for the type of attacking soccer I hope to see developing in the Philips League, State Leagues and throughout the lower divisions.

Perhaps a few new rules should be introduced to the leagues to encourage more attacking soccer — but more about that at a later stage.

In America they say: "A scoreless draw is like dancing with your sister uninteresting."

They're dead right!

As I told a meeting of coaches in Sydney, I believe that the Australian mentality is basically not defensive.

I believe Australians have a lot of fighting spirit and aggression. I want to utilise these natural, positive qualities in our national team.

By RUDI GUTENDORF,
national coach

An offensive, aggressive system has more future than playing defensively and waiting to start counter-attacks.

I know it includes a lot of risk and that this risk is dangerous for a coach. However, it is attacking soccer that people want to see. I am one of those lucky

coaches who can afford the luxury of losing games for the good of a long-term cause.

It is not until the important World Cup qualifying matches that we really have to win.

Look at runner Lasse Viren of Finland. He won gold medals in various Olympics but lost most races in between.

The important thing is to win the big ones and to work on improvement in between.

As a coach, I am not afraid of anybody. To further our cause I will have to make unpopular decisions. I will go my own way.

"Per aspera ad astra" — that will be my slogan. It means "On rough paths to the stars."

This is difficult for a club coach because he is expected to have success immediately, otherwise he is fired.

However, it should be possible for me as the national coach, as I know the executive of the Australian Soccer Federation, under chairman Sir Arthur George, are reasonable and farsighted people.

Talking about coaches, I believe the tendency of clubs to sack them willy-nilly is totally wrong. A club has all the time it wants to appoint a coach and having done so, it should keep him in the job for at least one year. That is how you get long-term results.

Allow me to give some of my personal views about modern soccer and tactics.

These days one can't win with fight and physical strength alone. It is important also to use modern techniques and cleverness.

All technical possibilities have to be brought to full development and individual skills have to be utilised for the benefit of the team.

But that does not mean the game doesn't have to be fought out to exhaustion as well.

It is essential to place great value on the technical training of the players.

The changeover from attack to defence and vice versa has to be made lightning fast at the right time and in perfect order.

The greater the discipline and order in a team, the more one player can rely on another.

The defence player can engage in an attack without worries because he can be sure his team mate will back him up and protect the open space. This has to be practised all the time.

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BIG CHANCE FOR SPAIN

A meeting in Madrid on November 12 will consider a plan that would give Australia a double chance of reaching the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

The plan, formulated by FIFA president Joao Havelange, is to increase the number of finalists from 16 to 20 or 24.

It will be discussed at the FIFA executive committee meeting.

Australia would qualify for a 24-team competition as the winner of either the Asian qualifying tournament or of a supplementary competition.

This competition would be between 12 teams: four from Europe, two from Asia, two from Africa, two from Concacaf, one from South America and one from Oceania.

They would be split into three groups of four each, with the top two teams from each group qualifying for the finals in Spain.

The first 18 qualifiers, under Havelange's plan, would be Spain, the organising country, Cup holder Argentina, 10 teams from Europe, three from South America, one from Asia, one from Africa and one from Concacaf (north, Central America and the Caribbean).

However, Havelange stresses that it will be up to Spain to decide whether it wishes to have an enlarged finals tournament.

The FIFA executive committee, which meets in Madrid on November 12, will nominate the organising committee for the 1982 World Cup.

After listening to the opinions and wishes of Spain, the committee will decide whether 16, 20 or 24 teams will contest the finals.

FIFA press relations officer Rene Courte said the proposed new formula was aimed at

"progress in football in general and the strengthening of the World Cup."

"It should arouse the interest not only of those continents where football is already well established and of a high standard, but also where the game is still developing," Mr Courte said.

The forthcoming FIFA meeting in November should give us some indication of what will happen to this very interesting initiative.



George Cross captain Billy Wilkinson is all smiles as he holds aloft the Victorian Dockerty Cup, which his team won after defeating Ringwood City 3-2 in the final on Sunday.

Norm Maitland (right) holds the base of the trophy.

Brisbane City at home for the eighth time

Brisbane City will defend the Philips Cup in the final against Adelaide City at Perry Park on Sunday.

Brisbane City has yet to play a Cup game away from home.

Sunday's final will be the club's eighth successive home match in the

two years since the Cup series started.

The draw for the 1978 final was made at ATVO in Melbourne last Sunday.

Brisbane City won the 1977 Cup by beating Marconi on penalties to break their 1-1 deadlock after extra time.

On the way to the final City beat West Adelaide 3-0. Western Suburbs on penalties after 1-1, and Brisbane

Lions 3-2.

This year it has beaten St George Souths (Old) 1-0. Brisbane Lions on penalties after 0-0 and Newcastle 2-0 in their semi-final last Sunday.

Adelaide City reached the final by beating Canberra 3-1 in the other semi-final, played in Adelaide.

Earlier victories were against West Adelaide 1-0 and Noarlunga (SA) 5-0.

Last year Adelaide City lost to West Adelaide on penalties to break a 2-2 deadlock after extra time in the first round.

Adelaide City should be strengthened on Sunday by the return of star striker Dixie Deans who missed the match against Canberra due to a leg injury sustained in the 1-0 quarter-final victory against Essendon Croatia in Melbourne.

Adelaide City's scorers in

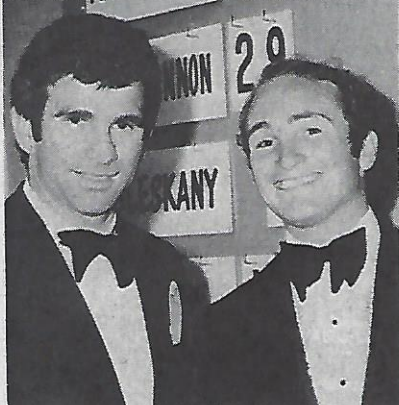
Philips Cup matches have been: 2. Marwe, Muniz; 1. Kosmina, Northcote, B. Nyskohus, Fyfe, Marocchi.

Brisbane City's scorers have been: 4. Caldwell; 3. Kelso; 2. Johnston; 1. Tokesi, Pimblett, Kibbey, Echeverria, Coyne.

Likely teams for the final on Sunday:

BRISBANE CITY: Kim Wishart, Ian Rathmell, Steve

Perry, John Lavelle, David Marshall, Bugsy Nyskohus, John Besir, Frank Lister, Sergio Melia, John Perin, Zoran Matic or Gary Marocchi, John Nyskohus, Dixie Deans or Robert Marwe, Brian Northcote.



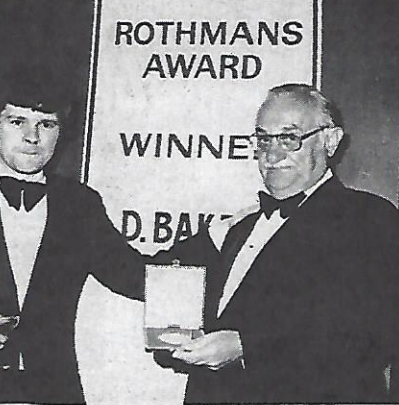
Runner-up Frank Micic (left), of Footscray J.U.S.T. with 1973 Victorian Medal winner Vince Bannon of Fitzroy.



Manfred Schaefer, the former St. George and Australian centre back — he won the NSW Rothmans Medal in 1972.



Hakoah centre back David Baker (left) receives the 1977 Rothmans Medal from ASF president Sir Arthur George. It was Baker's second victory.

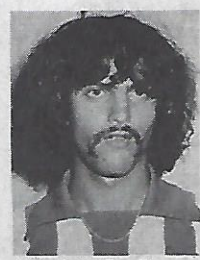


Hakoah centre back David Baker (left) receives the 1977 Rothmans Medal from ASF president Sir Arthur George. It was Baker's second victory.



Pat Bannon of Fitzroy — he won the Victorian medal in 1974.

HALL THREAT TO ABONYI



Melita Eagles' Tony Ikonoum — did well after transferring from Sydney Olympic and may be among the dark horses for the NSW Rothmans Medal.

Attila Abonyi or Craig Hall — they are the popular choices for the 1978 NSW Rothmans Medal.

Abonyi, player-coach of champion team Sydney Croatia and also top scorer of the State League, is overdue for a medal.

He came third last year, when John Watkiss of Sutherland won it for the second time and his reputation has been further boosted — if that is possible — by his coaching success.

By DIETER WERNER

Stone and Maurice Sullivan for example. The all-time highest scorer of the national team and the second most-capped player, Abonyi was hoping against hope early this year that he would be given one last opportunity to play for his country against Greece.

He wasn't given that chance, so now he's hoping for the consolation of a medal victory.

A majority vote for Abonyi would certainly be greeted by a standing ovation at the presentation night on October 9.

Young Craig Hall has played well enough to give Sutherland its second successive Medal triumph and its third since the Medal was struck.

Previous winners from the club have been Watkiss last year and John McDonald in 1975.

Hall's attacking ability was rewarded when he was chosen to play for NSW against Queensland recently.

Another leading candidate for the medal is Tom Mihajlovic, the long-serving player of Yugal.

ROTHMANS OF PALL MALL WORLD FAMOUS SINCE 1890



Sydney Croatia player-coach Attila Abonyi scores a penalty. Abonyi and Craig Hall of Sutherland are red hot favorites for the NSW Rothmans Medal.

His club has had an ordinary season but Mihajlovic has been outstanding, so he is sure to pick up votes in most games.

APIA has at least three candidates — Terry Butler, Eric Carruthers and John Doyle.

Carruthers has been excellent since transferring from West Adelaide but he probably has not played enough games to poll sufficient votes.

Inter-Monaro's Sebastian Giampolo will be up near the leaders and might even win the Medal. Monaro was a newcomer to the league this year, and Giampolo immediately caught the eye with his goalscoring displays.

Like Hall, he received his first representative honors this year.

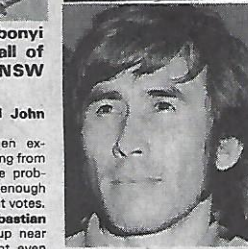
Tony Ikonoum, who switched from Sydney Olympic, had some great games for Melita Eagles but Maltese idol Joe Farrugia will draw many votes which may prove costly to Ikonoum.

Willie Hamilton is likely to poll well at Auburn and Greg Lynch, the former Hakoah player, should be Bankstown's leading vote-getter.

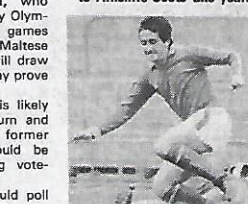
Ross Brown should poll well for Marrickville Olympic, while Jim Izatt, Rick Horne and Carlos Ortega would attract money from Toongabbie fans.

Speedy striker Rob Cullen of George Cross — will he win the Medal?

Victorian, NSW Rothmans Medals, 1978



Skilful ballplayer Nelson Brizuela — his tricks must catch the referee's eye, so he is likely to do well in the voting. Brizuela, formerly of Marconi, switched from Melita Eagles to Amcliffe Scots this year.

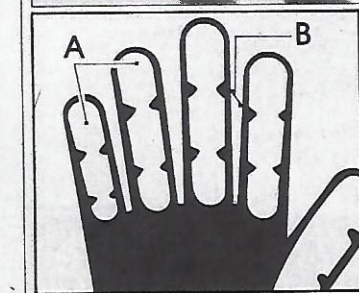


Steve Short, a leading Medal contender from Slavia (Vic).

JOHN HANSEN



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Eric Carruthers (right) the former Derby County player, has been starring with APIA since he switched to Sydney from West Adelaide.



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- Previous winners:
- 1970: GEORGE BLUES (Avala)
 - 1971: JOHN WATKISS (Hakoah)
 - 1972: MANFRED SCHAEFER (St. George)
 - 1973: JOHN McDONALD (Auburn)
 - 1974: MIKE TREBILCOCK (West. Subl.)
 - 1975: JOHN McDONALD (Sutherland)
 - 1976: BRUCE STOWELL (Pan. Hellenic)
 - 1977: JOHN WATKISS (Sutherland)
 - 1978: (To be determined)
- 1978:
- 32. STOWELL (P. Hellenic)
 - 26. UTJESENOVIC (St. George)
 - 25. O'CONNOR (Wollongong)
 - 20. BELL (P. Hellenic)
 - 19. ABONYI (St. George), SULLIVAN (Croatia)
 - 18. PERRY (West. Subl.)
 - 16. DEGENY (Marconi), RODNEY (Marconi)
 - 15. STONE (West. Subl.)

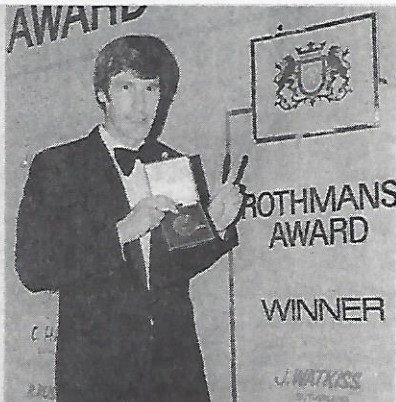
- 14. BUTLER (Avala), HOSZOWSKI (Auburn), TINNEY (Wollongong)
- 13. BARNES (Hakoah), GNAVI (P. Hellenic), MULLEN (Hakoah), ROGERS (Avala), WATKISS (Sutherland)
- 12. POINTER (Manly), WATSON (Granville)
- 11. BYRNE (Marconi)
- 10. GAFFNEY (Wollongong), GRAY (Granville), PRSKALO (Marconi)
- 9. DOYLE (Avala), QUESTED (Auburn), STODDART (St. George)
- 26. WATKISS (Sutherland)
- 24. HARGREAVES (Bankstown)
- 22. ABONYI (Croatia)
- 19. GRAY (Avala)
- 18. HALL (Sutherland)
- 17. R. RUSSELL (Croatia)
- 16. FENLOUGHY (Croatia)
- ZEROS (Hellas)
- 14. PERKINS (Wollongong)
- 13. CASSETTARI (Manly), DOYLE (Avala), MCILLAN (Auburn), SMART (Amcliffe), COLEMAN (Lewisham)
- 12. CUK (Yugal), HOSZOWSKI (Auburn), MCGINN (Avala), THOMPSON (Hellas)

- VICTORIA**
- Previous winners:
- 1971: JOHN GARDINER (George Cross)
 - 1972: JOHN GARDINER (George Cross)
 - 1973: VINCE BANNON (Alexander)
 - 1974: PAT BANNON (Alexander)
 - 1975: DAVID BAKER (Hakoah)
 - 1976: JIM TARBIEY (Slavia)
 - 1977: DAVID BAKER (Hakoah)
 - 1978: (To be determined)
- 1978:
- 23. GARDINER (Geo. Cross)
 - 21. MCCracken (Box Hill)
 - 20. MURNEY (Hakoah), MARSHALL (Hellas)
 - 19. IRVINE (Juventus), MICIC (J.U.S.T.)
 - 18. MACKAY (Croatia)
 - 17. JUHASZ (Melbourne)
 - 14. CZAPNIK (Polonia)
 - 13. SZABO (Melbourne), epifano (George Cross)
 - 12. GOODWIN (Juventus)
 - 11. PYGALL (Ringwood), LUCKHURST (Ringwood), KRIARIS (Alexander)
 - 10. MCCLACHLAN (George Cross), BAKER (Hakoah), RUTHERFORD (Hellas), TSIOGIANNIS (Alexander)
 - 9. OLINOWSKI (Polonia), WILLIAMS (Croatia), ZORAJA (J.U.S.T.), STEPHOUSE (Hakoah), WAALDYK (Hakoah), BOLAND (Hakoah), GORRIE (Hellas), BROWN (Alexander)
 - 1972: 25. GARDINER (George Cross), 23. KENNEDY (Alexander)
 - 22. ARMSTRONG (Hellas), BOURNE (Hellas), BAKER (Hakoah), 18. WEBSTER (Juventus), 17. SZABO (Melbourne), 16. SCOTT (Melbourne), MARSHALL (Hellas), 13. BROWN (Austria), 12. CLAREY (Hakoah), HARRISON (George Cross), MICIC (J.U.S.T.), PVE (Ringwood), ROSCA (J.U.S.T.)

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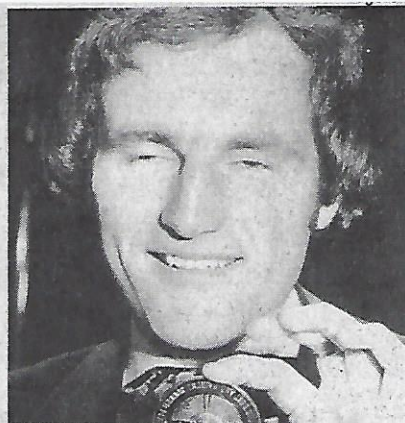




Sutherland's John Watkiss holds up two fingers to signify his second NSW Rothmans Medal victory last year. His first triumph was in 1971 while with Hakoah.



Essendon Croatia sweeper John Gardiner (right) battles with Brian Northcote of Adelaide City. Will Gardiner win his third Rothmans Medal?



Jim Tansey, then with Slavia, proudly shows off the 1976 Victorian Rothmans Medal. Tansey is now with Fitzroy.

PAST POLLS WORK AGAINST CUMMING

By KYLE PATTERSON

If history is anything to go by, Essendon Croatia's Tommy Cumming has little chance of becoming the third player to win the Bill Fleming Medal and the Rothmans Gold Medal in the same year.

Cumming was presented with the Fleming Medal at half time of the Dockery Cup final at Olympic Park on Sunday, after being voted the player of the year by Melbourne soccer writers.

The Rothmans Medal winner will be decided this Friday night (October 6) at the Southern Cross Hotel, when referees' votes are counted in the presence of the Prime Minister.

To become the third dual winner, the tiny Scottish winger must overcome a seven-year hoodoo against forwards.

Since the Rothmans Medal's inception in 1971, not one forward player has won the award.

Previous winners have been defenders DAVID BAKER of Hakoah, VINCE BANNON of Frankston City (then with Fitzroy Alexander) and JIM TANSEY of Fitzroy Alexander (then with Slavia) and midfielders JOHN GARDINER of Essendon Croatia (then with George Cross) and PAT BANNON of Fitzroy Alexander.

Cumming will be hard-pressed to beat the jinx and join team mate John Gardiner, and Fitzroy's Jim Tansey as a dual winner.

One thing is obvious when you look at the list of winners. Defenders have dominated the award in recent years, taking off the gold medal for the past three seasons.

It's hard to determine the manner in which referees have cast their votes, or what qualities they look for in a player.

But whatever, I don't think we will see a change in the precedent. This year's winner will be a midfielder or, more probably, a defender.

The backmen I nominate as leading contenders are JOHN GARDINER (Croatia), SANDY IRVINE (Frankston City), DAVID BAKER (Hakoah), JOHN YZENDOORN (Slavia), NICK LOWE (Sunshine City), JOHN PATTEN (Green Gully) and as a dark horse STEVEN BLAIR (Albion Layland).

These players have been outstanding this season, but I haven't selected them on playing performances alone.

BAKER is a real gentleman on the field and IRVINE is another who'd win the respect of referees in those moments when showing dissent towards match officials is a common practice.

BLAIR and PATTEN are in with a chance because they were consistent performers in incon-

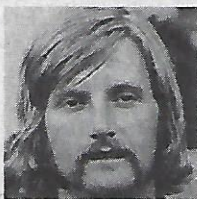
sistent and often struggling teams.

The Albion defender should poll well because he's only 16 and sure to be admired by refs.

LOWE has a chance because of his class in the hard-working but unspectacular Sunshine team.

GARDINER's chances aren't as high as YZENDOORN's mainly because Croatia had so many good players who will be taking votes away from each other.

YZENDOORN's in there because he was one of the best players in the State League this season. The fact that he's a



Sandy Irvine

robust style wouldn't earn votes from referees. He too has been sent off this season.

BILL MCCLYMONT of Preston has had a reasonable season, winning selection to the State team, and will probably be one of the highest scoring midfielders in the vote count.

STEWART BLAIR of Hakoah

is an all-action man in the middle of the park, and don't be surprised if Green Gully's IAN MCCARTHY polls well.

McCarthy has been around for a long time and is the type of player who doesn't dwell too long on referee's decisions.

Green Gully has the worst record for sending offs this season but McCarthy is a level-headed type who could get the nod from the referees.

Now to the forwards, the neglected men, and goalkeeper BILL WHITESIDE of Hakoah.

Whiteside is a dependable goalie capable of turning in match-saving displays. His performances at the start of the season would have won him many votes.

Away from CUMMING, ROBERT CULLEN of George Cross, MIKE CLAREY of Hakoah, GEORGE MCILLAN of Preston, KEN REED of George

Cross, GORDON MACGREGOR of Frankston City and JAMIE PATON of Slavia are the forwards I think will do well.

But Cumming is the best combination of a goalscorer and an explosive, eye-catching player. He's the pick of the forwards, with Cullen a close second.

I predict the top five placemen in the 1978 Rothmans Gold Medal will be YZENDOORN (Slavia), GARDINER (Croatia), BAKER (Hakoah), CULLEN (George Cross) and CUMMING (Croatia).



Three men who are sure to poll well in the Rothmans Medal, from left: David Baker, Bill Whiteside (both Hakoah) and Ken Reed (George Cross).



Tommy Cumming (right), of Essendon Croatia, who has already won the Bill Fleming Medal, is now vying for the Victorian Rothmans Medal. Other players pictured are, from left: Pat Della Rocca, Uli Pfisterer, Jim Symington (Juventus) and Billy Vojtek (Croatia).

defender and was often solely responsible for keeping Slavia in games, makes him a main contender.

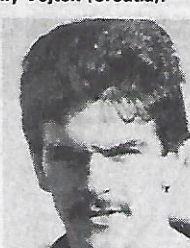
Midfielders, because of the amount of time they are in the action, are bound to poll well. However, there haven't been too many outstanding midfielders this season, another reason why I think a defender will win the award.

STEVE SHORT of Slavia has been outstanding in the midfield, but he spent many games at full back. This may not be as much a penalty as the sending off he received against Croatia in the first half of the season.

ALAN KERR of Croatia contributes a lot to his team, but his



Nick Lowe



John Patten

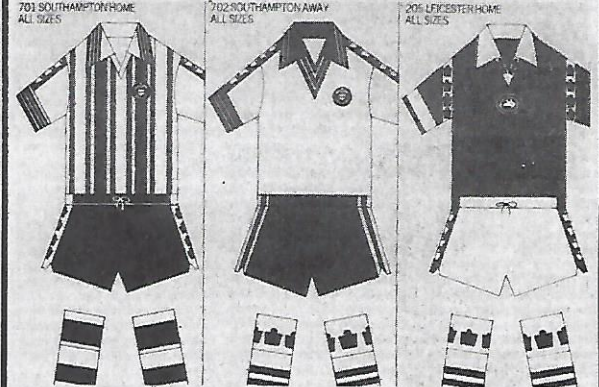
AND POLL DETAILS

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33. V. BANNON (Alexander),
29. MICIC (J.U.S.T.)
22. PYE (Ringwood).
20. BOURNE (Hellas). MAITLAND (George Cross).
17. GOODWIN (Austria).
16. IRVINE (Juventus), MARMUR (Ponchartraine).
15. WALLACE (Melbourne), GADSBY (Hakoah), WALKER (Hellas).
14. BULEVIC (J.U.S.T.) FOX (George Cross).
13. GIBSON (Alexander).
11. GARDINER (George Cross), CLAREY (Hakoah).
10. ARMSTRONG (Hellas), MANDALIS (Hakoah), SMITH (Ringwood).
CUNNINGHAM (George Cross).
BAKER (Hakoah), WEBSTER (Juventus).
9. BLESKANY (Melbourne), BROWN (Box Hill), J. TRAIN (Slavia), MCCONVILLE (George Cross), BEDFORD (Hellas), SCHUL (Austria).
1974
32. P. BANNON (Alexander),
26. MCCARTHY (Melbourne).

24. BAKER (Hakoah), HOWIE (Slavia).
21. V. BANNON (Alexander), MICIC (J.U.S.T.) PYE (Ringwood), ARMSTRONG (Hellas).
16. IRVINE (Juventus), J. TRAIN (Slavia).
15. BUNCE (Ringwood), MAITLAND (George Cross).
14. BOURNE (Hellas), GORRIE (Juventus), J. WEBB (George Cross), TURICAN (Austria).
12. OLIMOWSKI (Polonia), SCOTT (Melbourne).
11. A. PONGHO (Moorebank), PLINKETT (Moorebank), KELLY (Melbourne), SCHUL (Austria).
10. PARROTT (J.U.S.T.), VAN EGMOND (Ringwood), DAPERIS (Hellas), MILISAVLJEVIC (J.U.S.T.).
MCARDLE (George Cross), GADSBY (Hakoah), GARTHWAITE (Ringwood).
1975
43. BAKER (Hakoah).
21. P. O'NEILL (Moorebank), GIBSON (Alexander).
20. MCCARTHY (Sunshine).
19. VOJTEK (Juventus).

18. CUMMINGS (Hellas), MCROBERT (Sunshine).
1976
37. TANSEY (Slavia).
24. V. Bannan (Alexander), LAUMETS (Makedonia).
23. RIGBY (Moorebank).
22. BAKER (Hakoah).
20. FRENCH (Moorebank).
18. DELLA ROCCA (Juventus).
16. KENT (Ringwood), KOKOSKA (Sunshine), WAGSTAFF (George Cross).
15. ADAMS (Ringwood), MARSHALL (Juventus), MICIC (J.U.S.T.).
14. PYE (Hellas).
13. KONDARIOS (J.U.S.T.), WEBSTER (Alexander), XANTHOPOULOS (Hellas).
12. MACKAY (Hellas).
11. WALKER (Hellas).
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Lou Adams is carried off on a stretcher after breaking a leg during the Ampol Cup series early this year.

Battling Brisbane reaches final as two are sent off

Brisbane City fought their way into a successive second Phillips Cup final when they won down Newcastle United 2-0 after extra time in their semi-final at Perry Park, Brisbane.

By
BRUCE WADDELL

The game produced typical cup drama when Sydney referee Henry Witschke sent off Newcastle midfielder Bill Amey and City's substitute Roberto Echeverria in the extra time period.

The game could have gone either way, as the teams were evenly-matched but City's more recent hit-out, against Hakoah the week before, stuck by them better in the gruelling extra 30 minutes.

It was obvious the first team to secure a break would survive on the day, and luck rode with City once again in the cup when they were awarded a disputed penalty right on the halfway mark of the extra time.

City's tireless workhorse Larry Gaffney chased a long ball down the middle from Echeverria, and as he entered the box and attempted to control, was tackled by Col Curran.

There was a feeling of anti climax when referee Witschke pointed to the spot and Kevin Caldwell capitalised by firing his spot kick past Phil Dando to give City one leg in the door to the final.

It was after the teams turned around for the final 15 minutes when Amey received the red card when he allegedly kicked Echeverria near the corner flag after earlier receiving a caution.

United plugged away gamely, but most of the players were being halted by a cramp. There was a glimmer of hope when things were levelled player wise with Echeverria getting his marching orders for a foul on Curran.

The match was virtually over when City's Barry Kelso had all the time in the world against a beaten United defence to slot his left-foot shot home to maintain his consistent goal-scoring efforts in the cup.

United probably had a

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Caldwell pen, Kelso) NEWCASTLE KB 0 at Perry Park, Brisbane, Phillips Cup semi-final.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 6, Rathmell 6, Ratcliffe 7, Perry 7, Lavelle 8, Pimblett 8, Coyne 7 (Brusasco 115th), Kibbey 6, (Echeverria 57th, sent off), Gaffney 8, Kelso 6, Caldwell 7.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 6, Willis 6, Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 7, Curran 7, Sneddon 6 (Mason 90th), Amey 7 (sent off) Galpin 6, Endacott 6, Boden 7, Treddinick 8.



Bill Amey

slight edge in the first half with the crafty Kenny Boden constantly switching creative passes out to United's young wingers Peter Treddinick and Neal Endacott.

Despite United's greater creativity in this period, it was City who almost scored when Kelso jumped well for a Caldwell corner and John Coome's header cannoned off the bar into Dando's arms. Caldwell speared a great header into the net from a John Lavelle cross right on half time, but was ruled offside.

In the second half the lumbering Kelso remained City's great hope. He was backed up non-stop by Gaffney and Frank Pimblett whose workrate also was helped by the tough match against Hakoah.

Kelso thundered two free kicks over the bar and for United, they always looked

dangerous when Curran joined in on the left and linked up with the stylishly moving Treddinick.

City's Steve Perry received one of his few yellow cards of the season when he committed a "professional foul" by grabbing Treddinick's shirt when the winger was clear after intercepting an Ian Rathmell pass.

As the game progressed, City looked to be the stronger in condition, but always found it heavy going against the determination of United's back four of Peter Willis, Roy Drinkwater, Bill Summerscales and Curran.

Ratcliffe provided Perry with invaluable support at the back, and late in the second half almost broke through, but his shot from a goal-mouth scramble came off Coyne's legs.

Coyne again ran himself to a standstill, as he had done against Hakoah, and after he was dropped twice in succession during one burst, was substituted by Echeverria.

United almost lost a key man in the second half when midfielder John Sneddon came down heavily, and it appeared he had sustained a serious shoulder or collarbone injury.

It was a match to remember as far as scientific football was concerned, but the excitement generated by a typical, never-give-an-inch, cup tie, was adequate compensation.

BOX HILL FACES CROYDON IN CUP

The draw for the Victorian Wines Cup semi-finals has ensured that a second division team will play off in the final on October 14.

First division teams Croydon City and Box Hill meet in one semi final, while Melbourne and Moreland, both from the Second division, will battle it out for a place in the final. The second division teams will play in the first division next season after winning promotions.

Melbourne reached the final of the competition last season, but was beaten 3-1 by Waverley City.

The semi finals will be played at Waverley's Sixth Avenue ground on Saturday (October 7). The first game, between Melbourne and Moreland, kicks off at 1 pm.

Croydon and Melbourne are favorites to progress to the final, but Box Hill and Moreland will be no push-overs.

Quarter final match details: **BOX HILL 3** (Sherman, Berardini, Taylor) **KNOX CITY 2** (McConville, Hibbert) A.E.T.

BOX HILL: Morgan, Patterson, Corke, Vasilidyk, Hall, Ramos, (White), Horner (Campbell), Sherman, Berardini, Tuffield, Taylor.

Knox City caught Box Hill with two early goals, but the Hillmen's persistence enabled them to wear down their opponents, and take the match in extra time.

Box Hill included left back **Kenny Hall**, who recently returned to Australia after holidaying in England, and he responded by playing a great game.

However, the team's captain, **Ian McLeod**, was kept on the sidelines for the

second week due to injury.

Eugene McConville gave Knox its lead when he pounced on a loose ball after an aerial duel in the Box Hill defence, and slotted the ball home.

Not long after, Box Hill goalkeeper **Graham Morgan** failed to hold on to a high ball after what looked like an unfair challenge from **Geoff Gerrieh** and **Steven Hibbert** was on hand to make it 2-0 for Knox.

Despite being two goals down, Box Hill had more of the play, but found it difficult to get past Knox's **Johnny Bedford**, who marshalled his team's defence.

Hall and **Pedro Ramos** were building up well on the left, but the Hillmen had to wait until just before half time for a goal.

After a move initiated by Hall, **Ray Sherman**, drove the ball into the net on the far post.

Box Hill started the second half 1-2 down, but within minutes had levelled the scores.

A deep cross from Hall caught Knox's goalkeeper **Leo De Mann** out of position, and he could only palm the ball into the path of Box Hill's **Serge Berardini**, who had no trouble scoring.

But Box Hill failed to go on with the job, and for the most part, the second half was a stalemate, with both sides threatening, but rarely producing.

Knox came with a late flurry, but it was obvious that Box Hill was the less tired of the two teams, and would have the edge in extra time. **Ian Tuffield**, who worked tirelessly when moved from

the forward line to midfield for the latter part of the game, set up Box Hill's third goal with a long run down the left flank.

His cross found **Ray Taylor** who slid the ball under De Mann to put the Hillmen in front for the first time in the game.

In desperation, Knox searched for an equaliser, but good defensive work by Box Hill's man of the match **Paul Corke** who repelled Knox attacks time and time again, enabled the Hillmen to hold on to its one-goal lead.

Best players: — Knox: McConville, Bedford, Pangho.

MORELAND 2 (Black 2) **ELTHAM 1** (Norton) A.E.T. **MORELAND:** Potter, Kelly, Duncanson, Black, Appleby, Brazil, Katz, Paola, Ferretter, Mallachan.

ELTHAM: Wight, Crowley, Circa, Gooney, K. Emsden, Spaniak, Cochran, Obidas, McIntosh, Lee, Norton.

Eltham continued to show good form, but poor forward work cost the team a place in the final.

Eltham's direct attacking nearly paid dividends in the first half when shots from **Cochran** (twice) and **McIntosh** hit the woodwork.

In the second half of extra time, one of the rare mistakes by the Eltham defence allowed Black to head home **Mallachan's** cross.

Eltham tried valiantly to get back into the game, but its chance was gone.

Best players — Eltham: Gooney, Circa and Cochran. Moreland: Brazil, Duncanson and Ferretter.

State stars rally to help Adams

By **KYLE PATTERSON**

Any soccer player who knows the agony and misfortune of a broken leg would appreciate Preston forward Lou Adams' tragedy.

Adams, Preston's English import at the start of the 1978 season, had spent eight months in plaster, had a bone graft operation and may never play soccer again.

The former Queens Park Rangers and Bedford Town professional was playing in only his second game in Australia when a harmless-looking tackle from an Altona City defender fractured a leg.

The implications of the injury affected more than just Adams' soccer career. He'd been in Australia less than two months and has a wife and two children to support.

The injury prevented Adams from continuing his employment as a PMG technician but started medical expenses piling up.

Fortunately, the generosity of the Preston club and insurance cover have made things a little easier for Adams and his family.

But in order to give Adams a fighting chance to become financially

secure, Preston has arranged a testimonial game for him between a Victorian All Stars team and Preston to be played at B. T. Connor Reserve this Saturday (October 7) at 2.45 pm.

The club is hoping for a big turn-out as all proceeds go to Adams. An appeal fund started earlier this year raised \$2000 for the fallen striker and the club is hopeful that the testimonial game will raise in excess of that amount.

The scene is set for a great exhibition game from the All Stars and Preston. The All Stars include some of the best players in Victoria.

The All Stars squad is: **Hans van der Poel**, **Alan Davidson** (both Altona), **Jim Kondarinos**, **Mendo Ristovski**, **Joe Picciano** (Footscray JUST), **Tommy Cumming**, **Alan Kerr** (Essendon Croatia), **Arthur McMillan**, **Jim O'Reilly**, **Jim Tansey**, **Pat Bannon**,



All Stars forward Mendo Ristovski (right) of JUST eludes Kevin Mullen of Hakoah-East.

Jim Campbell, **Jim Marner**, **Gary Cole**, **Branko Buljevic** (Fitzroy), **Alan Evans** (Sth Melb. Hellas), **Tony Castiello** (George Cross), **Lee Thomson**, **Laurie Smith** (Green Gully).

As well as those big names, Preston stars **George McMillan**, **Peter Laumonds**, **Bill McClymont** and **John Bernard** will be on show.

Hopefully, the Melbourne soccer public will get behind this promotion.

Ethnic radio station 3EA had given publicity to the game and Preston supporters have been reminded via the club's P.A. system at home games.

As the majority of the All Star team comes from Fitzroy Alexander, it's hoped that the club's fans will support the venture.

Macedonia spokesman **Branko Trajanovski** is confident of a good attendance, saying that Adams deserves it.

"Lou is a great guy," he said. "The club signed him on a three-year contract and he's determined to see that time out. Adams had proved he's a good player and is certain he will be back in action next season. We all admire his courage."

The testimonial game is a great chance for soccer fans to see the top players display their skills.

As there's nothing at stake, the players are expected to relax and put on an entertaining, high-scoring match.

Similar games in England have ended in scores such as 7-3 or 5-4, with a good time had by all. Any fans who haven't been satisfied by the soccer they've been watching lately are well-advised to get along to B. T. Connor Reserve this Saturday.

Pat Bannon, captain of Fitzroy Alexander, will be coach of the All Stars.

He has at his disposal talented ball-players **Mendo Ristovski**, **Jim Campbell**, **Tommy Cumming**, **Alan Davidson**, **Branko Buljevic**, **Joe Picciano** and **Alan Evans**.

Playing without the fear of heavy punishment from close-marking defenders, these stars will be able to turn it on.

Ristovski will be a big hit with the Preston fans as he is Macedonian.

But the game will be useful for strikers **George McMillan**, **John Bernard** (if fit) and **Jeff Fawcner** to get on target.

The blond Fawcner has impressed with his wing play since coming into the Preston team half way through the season.

McMillan, along with **Bernard**, is the undoubted hero of Preston's fans.

Coach **Eric Leabire** has shown his class as a sweeper or midfield general and the style of the game should suit full backs **Lube Petrovski** and **Steve Beech**, who both like to overlap and join in attacks.

Whatever the result, **Soccer Action** wishes Lou Adams better fortune for the rest of his stay in Australia, and hopes that soccer followers from all clubs make the effort to attend this testimonial game.

Admission prices will be \$2 for adults, children free. There will be a junior game before the main game, which kicks off at 2.45 pm.



Pat Bannon (centre) and Jim Tansey (left), both members of the Victorian All Star squad, are beaten to the ball by Marconi's Jimmy Rooney (right). The All Stars will meet Preston in a benefit match for Preston's injured star Lou Adams on Saturday.

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'Big Ollie' to join Buljevic?

Former Socceroo striker Peter Ollerton is rumored to be returning to Melbourne.

Ollerton, who has played for Ringwood City and APIA, transferred from

South Melbourne to Marconi for \$15,000 midway through the season.

However, he found it difficult to get a job in Sydney and wants to return to Melbourne.

He is said to be interested in joining Fitzroy or Footscray.

• Ollerton is pictured above heading the ball during the PSL grand final against Hakoah-East. Marconi lost 2-4.

Committee formed to start talks

Albion Leyland (Vic) has taken the club's first positive step towards an amalgamation with Sunshine City.

At the club's annual general meeting last Sunday, a committee was formed and given the authority to start negotiations with Sunshine. It's expected that Sunshine will form a similar group, and that the decision to amalgamate or to stay separate bodies will be made by at least early December.

Russell Wilson, who was returned unopposed to the post of president of the club, said he was happy with the annual general meeting, but refused to commit himself on the question of the proposed merger.

"There's no telling how the negotiations will go," he said. "The talks could come to nothing, but we won't know until each club decides what it's prepared to give, and what it wants in return."

But he added that a Sunshine businessman, who's not connected with either club, is prepared to back the merger.

At the general meeting, several changes took place regarding committee structure.

Bob Stewart is the new senior chairman, and Peter Clabby is now treasurer.

Other new postings are Alec McArthur (secretary), Bill Mitzi (deputy chairman), Jim Melrose (junior chairman) and Danny Collins (social chairman).

Coaching appointments won't be made until the future of the club is determined.

Albion is angry that a leading State League club has made offers to young Leyland centre half Steven Blair.

"Steven had been with the club since he was eight," said Wilson. "We brought him up through the juniors, and now that he's made it, other clubs think it's time to move in and get a ready-made player."

"It would be hard for Steven to turn down these offers, because he had his future to think of. But, it's bitterly disappointing for the club."



Johnny Warren

Warren to scout in U.K.

Canberra City coach Johnny Warren (pictured) leaves on October 12 on a recruiting and study mission.

Canberra's agents have lined up players in London, Manchester and Scotland for Warren to interview.

Warren will study the latest promotional trends during visits to the Tampa Bay Rowdies and the New York Cosmos in the U.S.

He will also have two weeks with Czech national coach Joe Venglos and will spend time in the Czech national team's training camp before the friendly game against Italy on November 8.

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Ferry Melbourne (Vic) midfielder Bill Rice incurred the wrath of the Melbourne disciplinary committee recently.

The former Hakoah and Albion player was fined \$150 after being sent off in a postponed Second division game against Knox City.

It's one of the heaviest fines imposed by a Victorian Soccer Federation committee on a player this season.

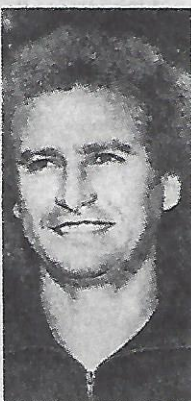
MUNIZ SET FOR RECALL TO NATIONAL TEAM

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Adelaide City's midfield-striker Aggie Muniz, the forgotten man of Australian soccer, blasted Canberra City out of the Philips Cup with two brilliant second half goals.

Muniz tore the heart out of Canberra's defence with several damaging runs and along with Robert Marwe were the major influences in Adelaide's impressive 3-1 win.

For Muniz it was a personal triumph. After a poor start to the season he has been in devastating form in the last seven weeks.



Agner Muniz

He is obviously still hopeful of regaining his place in the national team and Rudi Gutendorf could well be pencilling in Muniz name when he announces his first Australian squad soon.

Despite Adelaide City's good win, it was Canberra which called the shots at the start.

Indeed they hit the front after only four minutes with a superb header from Brian Stoddart after an Ian Heywood corner kick.

City were stung into action but they failed to make any impression on the Canberra defence.

But they got the break they didn't look like getting when goalkeeper Ron Tilzed bounced the ball and before he could retrieve it, Marwe slipped in and lobbed the ball over his head for a shock equaliser.

Canberra protested violently but the goal stood and the small crowd gave Marwe a great reception.

Moments later Muniz turned brilliantly but his sizzling 12 metre shot went wide with Tilzed stranded.

Heywood blew a golden opportunity to restore Canberra's lead but after sprinting past Adelaide City's

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Muniz 2, Marwe) CANBERRA CITY 1 (Stoddart) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 2,651.

Juventus: Marshall 7, B. Nyskohus 7, Melta 6, Besir 7, Lister 7, Perin 8, Matic 7, Marwe 8, Muniz 8, Nyskohus 7, Northcote 7.
Canberra: Tilzed 7, Kawalena 5, Heywood 6, Brown Henderson 7, Salagado 7, Davies 7, Cant 7, Gruicic 7, Byren 7, Stoddart 7, Stark 7.

defence he kicked wide with Marshall hopelessly stranded.

It was a fatal miss and despite Canberra's attempts to make amends they found City's defence in an uncharitable mood.

Adelaide, which gradually moved into top gear after that bad start, opened the second half in a menacing mood and within seven minutes had taken the lead.

Muniz latched onto a pass, took several steps and blasted it past Tilzed from 15 metres for a great goal.

Moments later John Nyskohus unleashed a piledriver but it flew just over the crossbar.

City were firing on six cylinders and Canberra quite clearly were intimidated by Marwe, whose dominance in the air had Canberra's defence in tatters.

Marwe, who replaced the injured Dixie Deans was also damaging on the ground although he faded towards the end.

But Adelaide finished the game strongly and just a

minute from the end Muniz added the third.

Nyskohus tapped the ball to Muniz who was lurking near the penalty area and he had the simple task of tapping it past Tilzed who had come well off his line.

The goal killed off Canberra but they had performed exceptionally.

They certainly gave away a goal at the start, and no team can afford to give Adelaide City a gift like that.

But Johnny Warren has again done wonders with what appears to be ordinary talent and they should do even better next season.

Canberra obviously need three key players and if Warren can find them, the city of Canberra will be more than just the capital of Australia.

Meanwhile Adelaide City look certain to win their first Philips League honor, and although they are prone to inconsistency they look at least a goal better off than their opponents of the final, Brisbane City.

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Robin twice best

Robin Parsons, who won the Victorian Fourth Division best and fairest award, has also had an easy victory in the voting for the Park Rangers club trophy.

Parsons polled 87 votes, easily beating nearest rival John Clemie.

Park Rangers coach Hugh Murney calls 25-year-old Parsons a "coach's dream."

"Whatever you tell him to do happens," says Murney.

Parsons, who joined Park Rangers in 1976, scored 12 goals this season.



Jimmy Rooney

OLYMPIAKOS TOUR ALMOST SURE

By CON NIKOLOPOULOS

Olympiakos' elimination from European competition has left the way open for an Australian tour by the famous Greek club next month.

South Melbourne Hellas is trying to arrange the tour. Souths president Sam Pappas is awaiting confirmation from Greece.

Olympiakos told Pappas during his visit to Greece earlier this year that it would visit Australia as soon as its playing commitments were over.

Tentative dates for games in Australia are November 19, 22 and 26.

Because Frank Munro, Bertie Lutton and George



Sam Pappas

Campbell will be visiting Britain at the time of Olympiakos' tour, South Melbourne may field guest

players from other Phillips League clubs.

George Christopoulos, the Australian schoolboy representative, has signed a new two-year contract with South Melbourne.

Souths coach Dave McLaren will arrange for Christopoulos to visit an English First Division club next season to help improve his game.

While Fitzroy continues to vie with South Melbourne for the signature of Marconi's Jimmy Rooney, four Fitzroy players will leave for holidays in Scotland.

They are Ken Taylor, Pat Bannon, Gary Cole and Bobby Proven.



George Christopoulos (right) of South Melbourne in action against Hilton Silva of Eastern Suburbs.

Soccer goes to the dogs

By KYLE PATTERSON

Two of the fastest players in the Victorian State League will be on show in the opening game of the 1978 State League Cup this Sunday (October 8).

And appropriately enough, the game will be played at Olympic Park Number Two oval, where speedsters of a different kind normally perform, instead of on the Number One ground.

The Olympic Park greyhound stadium will be taken over by soccer for the day due to the unavailability of the number one ground, which has been Victoria's main soccer stadium for many years.

The number two ground has a greyhound track on its perimeter, with a Rugby Union pitch in the middle. The Rugby field will be converted into a soccer ground for the opening round of the top four competition.

However, the move is only a temporary one, and soccer will return to the number one oval for the second and third rounds of the competition, as well as for the State League Cup final on October 29.

The completion of the State League Cup will mark the end of the 1978 Victorian season, which began on Wednesday, February 8 with Cumberland Cup preliminary rounds.

The season has been a little under 10 months long.

But back to the speedsters I mentioned earlier. They are Robert Cullen of George Cross and Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia.

Speed is not the only similarity between the two. Both are wingers, and tend to stand out because of their height, or lack of it.

Essendon Croatia and George Cross have had some great battles over the past few years, and this first-round State League Cup game will be no different.

Victory is imperative for both sides, for experts agree that defeat in the opening round gives a side very little chance of recovering and reaching the final.

Essendon has defeated George Cross every time the two have met this season. Essendon has an impressive 9-1 goal average over those games.

The first game between the two teams this year was an Ampol Cup group match.

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2.45 pm PRESTON v HAKOAH ST. KILDA.

Improved. Bill Vojtek scored the goal.

Indeed, on Sunday, George Cross has its best chance to beat Croatia, and gain some revenge for its three consecutive losses earlier this year.

The Cross has come on strong in the second half of the season, while Croatia has shown signs of staleness.

Croatia supporters point to the one-week break Essendon had from competition games and say the team will be rejuvenated by the rest.

But George Cross has gained momentum as it has approached the important business end of the season, and will be hard to beat. Apart from Cumming and Cullen both sides' centre forwards will have a big say in the final outcome.

Krncjevic of Croatia, and Ken Read of George Cross have different styles but are important links in their teams' pattern of play.

Read is a workhorse and often creates openings by forcing defenders into errors.

In the penalty area he's brave and strong and he has the ability to score from half chances.

Krncjevic had great agility for a tall player, as well as very good ball skills.

But it will be the Cullen/Read and Krncjevic/Cumming combinations that will be doing the damage to opposing defences.

Croatia's midfield will have the edge on George Cross.

In fact, if Croatia can reproduce the fighting spirit it showed against Adelaide City in the Phillips Cup, then it would be George behind the eight ball.

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Hakoah — making a bid for the State League Cup. Standing from left: Bill Jordanou, Anton Dosen, Bill Whiteside, Steve Gadsby, Les Nag. Graham French, George Craig, Mike Clarey. Front: Chris Valli, Ian Gibson, David Baker, Les Owens, Stewart Blair, Sean Rooney.

Preston's Cup, says Vrzina

New Preston manager Tony Vrzina is determined to get the club into the Phillips Soccer League for the 1979 season and believes winning the State League Cup would help Preston realise its ambition.

"Preston will win the State League Cup and show to the PSL and to Victorian soccer followers that we are the best supported and strongest club in the State," a confident Vrzina said this week.

"Preston is the most entertaining team in Victoria and deserves to be in the PSL."

Under Vrzina, Preston has a great chance of turning the tables on arch rival Essendon Croatia.

So far this season Preston has finished runner up to Croatia in both the Ampol Cup and State League championship.

Vrzina, who coached First Division Western Suburbs earlier this season, is a former coach of Essendon.

He was appointed manager of Preston two weeks ago and immediately began preparing the club's application for a place in the PSL.

Vrzina will have a role in team management as well, helping player/coach Eric Lesbriel by sitting on the bench as an adviser.

But Vrzina made it clear Preston would not be changing its coach this season.

"Eric Lesbriel has done a tremendous job," praised Vrzina, "as he lifted Preston from a lowly place on the ladder to second spot."

However, Preston must first overcome Frank Mielic's Hakoah St Kilda before it can think about

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winning the competition.

Preston will be strengthened for its game against Hakoah by the return of Tom Brewerton and John Bernard.

Bernard, a former Victorian representative, was one of the key figures behind Preston's revival. He was sidelined by a nagging hamstring injury, and when he returned to the side, he topped a three-week suspension for being sent off against Slavia.

The injury has responded to treatment finally, and Bernard should be 100% fit for Preston's game against Hakoah.

Centre half Brewerton has missed three games with a leg injury, but has now fully recovered. His return allows Lesbriel to return to midfield from defence.

Hakoah, the big spender of the State League, only just managed to hold its spot in the top four. Hakoah's superior goal average won it a place in the top bracket ahead of Sunshine City and Slavia.

However, Mielic's men must not be underestimated. Hakoah has some of the most experienced players in the State League, as well as being an accomplished team.

Preston and Hakoah have met twice this season, with the first game finishing in a draw, and the second going to Preston 3-0.

In the first game, Preston built up a two goal lead, and looked like cruising to victory when Hakoah capitalised on Preston's lack of fitness, and came home to snatch a draw, with two goals in the last 10 minutes.

At the time, both clubs had different coaches — and both were

Bill Dumbell was given the axe after three successive losses by Preston, and Lesbriel took over in a caretaker capacity. He wasn't keen to take the job on a permanent basis but has been in the position ever since.

Mike Mandalis' problem wasn't with losing. Hakoah lost only two of its first six games but in the same period, the side didn't win any matches.

He was ousted and after a week with goalkeeper Bill Whiteside as caretaker coach, Hakoah appointed Mielic.

The second meeting was at Preston's Connor Reserve. Preston was in the middle of a goal blitz, and scored 15 goals in one four-game period.

Hakoah received three of them, and that began a wobbly period for the St Kilda club.

I think that Preston will again beat Hakoah. Hakoah likes to play a building up style of soccer, whereas Preston attacks quickly using the speed of George McMillan and Jeff Fawcner to the best advantage.

Preston's all-round strength should see it dispose of Hakoah.

However, Hakoah's Mike Clarey, David Baker and Ian Gibson are all experienced, and will have a calming influence on the team's younger players Les Nagy and Chris Valli.

But Anton Dosen may have his hands full with McMillan, and Les Owens' lack of pace will give Fawcner an advantage.

At the other end, Clarey's ball skills will be put to test by Brewerton and Gary Hooper, two uncompromising defenders.



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Previous winners of the Victorian State League Cup:

- 1969: Juventus 3 J.U.S.T. 2
- 1970: Juventus 3 Melbourne 1.
- 1971: Croatia 3 Hellas 2.
- 1972: No competition.
- 1973: George Cross 3 Hakoah 0.
- 1974: J.U.S.T. 2 Alexander 1.
- 1975: J.U.S.T. 1 Mooroolbark 1, J.U.S.T. won on penalties 5-4.
- 1976: J.U.S.T. 2 Hellas 1.
- 1977: George Cross 2 Slavia 1.

IT'S GEORGIE'S CUP

By KYLE PATTERSON

After George Cross took the lead in the 30th minute when Ken Reed scored with a whipping left-foot shot, the result of the 1978 Dockerty Cup final seemed a forgone conclusion.

A George Cross victory looked even more certain when a little more than 10 minutes later, Ringwood City was reduced to 10 men when Brian Thom was sent off.

But with the fighting spirit of Ringwood City coming to the fore, the game turned out an entertaining and exciting spectacle, which compensated for the poor standard of soccer.

The fact that Ringwood's chances were still alive in the 86th minute says a lot for the team's courage and character and for the unpredictability of Cup soccer.

Ringwood City was without centre forward John Luyten, who was injured, and brought in former Altona City and Hakoah player Doug Barbour.

After Thom's dismissal in the 43rd minute, Ringwood's forward line dismissal in the 43rd minute, Ringwood's forward line consisted of the out-of-form Richard Plumb and Mike Kupinic, both

GEORGE CROSS 3 (Reed 30th min & 86th min pen, Cullen 70th min) RINGWOOD CITY 2 (O'Callaghan 45th min, Garthwaite 85th min) Dockerty Cup final, Olympic Park. Crowd: about 3000

GEORGE CROSS: Rice 3, Cutajar 6, Webb 6, Maitland 6, Barron 6, Wilkinson 6, Mirak 7, Castiello 6, Paparas 7, Reed 6, Cullen 8.

RINGWOOD: Wilding 7, Adams 7, Garthwaite 6, Carnaby 7, de Bruykere 6, Barbour 5, O'Callaghan 7, Anderson 5 (Verniers 73rd min), Kupinic 5, Plumb 5, Thom 6 (Sent off 43rd min).

of whom are recognised as defenders!

It was rumoured that Willie Coulson, Ringwood's 'former' midfielder ace, would return to the team.

However, the wayward star wasn't even granted a place on the substitutes' bench.

Ringwood twice equalised, only to see George Cross regain the lead on both occasions. Tragically for Ringwood, the Cross' winning goal came from the penalty spot minutes after Dave Garthwaite had scored with a 50 metre shot and given the eastern suburban club new hope of lifting the cup.

"Georgie", which was red-hot favorite to win the cup, Victoria's premier competition, faltered in the face of Ringwood's comeback but eventually scraped through in ragged fashion.

Ringwood, relegation-doomed

and with far-from-harmonious internal situation, should have been easy meat for George Cross.

George Cross was without regular 'keeper Svez Matsson, who hadn't recovered from an injury sustained in a round 22 State League match against Hakoah.

Matsson's absence didn't worry George Cross at first, as second-string goalkeeper Gerry Rice had in the past proved to be a reliable replacement.

But after his display in the final, Rice has blown his good reputation.

With Ringwood pumping high balls at the Cross goal, Rice was vulnerable. The problem was compounded in the second half when he received a back injury.

But injury or no injury, Rice can't escape the blame and embarrassment for Ringwood's goals.



Ken Reed slams George Cross' first goal past Ringwood goalkeeper Paul Wilding. At left are Ringwood's Alex Anderson and Tony Castiello of George Cross (stripes) Pictures by SAM BELFONTE

Garthwaite floated a free kick from just inside the George Cross half at Rice in the second half. He jumped unchallenged, but made a complete mess of the save, letting the ball slip through his hands and into the net for Ringwood's second goal.

Fortunately for Rice, it wasn't a match-losing mistake, as Georgie took the lead for the third and final time when Robert Cullen was fouled in the penalty area, and Reed made no mistake with the spot kick.

The standard of soccer produced was a disappointment. I concede that the blustery condi-

tions made ball control and passing difficult, but still the teams lacked imagination and fire.

Play was often rushed, with the big boot upfield a frequently-used tactic. The players didn't make good use of the wings and as a result, the game was often congested.

However, several individuals were outstanding. Robert Mirak was the only George Cross midfielder prepared to hold the ball and look for an alternative play apart from the hopeful punt forward.

He endeavoured to pass on the ground the type of distribution most suited in windy conditions — as well as dribble opponents.

Jim Paparas kept the Ringwood defenders on their toes at all times and was often in the right place at the right time.

His far-post head-down gave Reed his first goal, and on many other occasions the slight winger popped up in dangerous positions near the Ringwood goal.

Cullen rarely has a game when he doesn't create havoc for opposition defences, and this game was no different.

Apart from scoring his team's second goal, he earned the penalty by out-flooding Ronny Verniers, forcing the Ringwood substitute to commit a foul to prevent him from shooting at goal.

Ringwood's Keith Adams is always a bundle of energy. His persistence and determination saved the day on many occasions for Ringwood, and he also attempted to be constructive from the right back position.

When Verniers came on, Adams had enough left in him to go into the midfield and work like a beaver.

Brian Carnaby, after an indifferent start, was one of the main reasons for Ringwood being able to mitch George Cross with one less player.

Playing as stopper, Carnaby often joined in the midfield play to boost his team in this department, without neglecting his defensive duties to much.

He skimmed the crossbar with a long-range shot from a free kick and generally lifted his own game when his side's prospects didn't look too good.

John O'Callaghan has always been one player who's put in a lot of effort for Ringwood. Playing in midfield, he received little support from Alex Anderson and Barbour, but plugged away regardless.

Goalkeeper Paul Wilding made several fine saves and, unlike his opposite number, was competent when dealing with high balls.

Essendon Croatia's Tommy Cumming was presented with the Bill Fleming Medal before the game.



George Cross goalkeeper Gerry Rice misses a high ball as he flies above Keith Adams of Ringwood.

The Fleming Medal presentation added extra significance to the afternoon's proceedings, as did the attendance of Mrs Dockerty, widow of Harry Dockerty, after who the cup competition is named.

Reed was the first man on target when he made a great run to the near post to connect with Derek Barron's floated pass.

The George Cross striker caught the ball on the volley, but Wilking's leg prevented the ball from entering the net.

After that good attempt in the fourth minute, Georgie took the initiative but stout defending by Adams, Benny de Bruykere, Garthwaite and Carnaby stopped George Cross.

In the 20th minute, the Cross showed signs of putting its game together when Norm Maitland knocked a ball forward for Cullen who unselfishly pushed it back into space for Paparas.

Paparas lashed a right-foot shot just over the bar.

Tony Castiello started off well, intercepting a lot of Ringwood passes in midfield, but fell out of the game after the opening half an hour.

But up until the 30 minute mark, the Cross was easily on top although play was still sloppy.

In the 28th minute, Barron cracked a powerful shot at the Ringwood goal from an indirect free kick and Paparas did well to tip it over the bar.

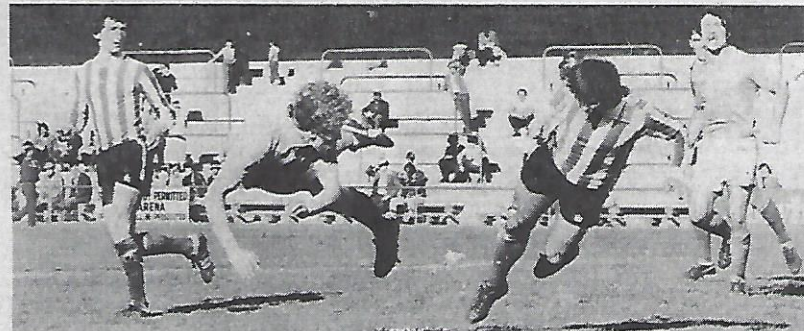
Georgie's goal came in the 30th minute when Phil Cutajar floated over a deep cross from a free kick, and Paparas intelligently headed down into space.

Like lightning, Reed swooped on the chance, and tucked the ball into the net before Ringwood's defenders could react.

The Cross players were buzzing at this stage and soon after Mirak made a run down the flank with Ringwood exposed, and unselfishly cut the ball square into the penalty area.

It was too quick for Cullen, but the little Paparas appeared at the far post. He shot from close range but the acute angle and good work by Wilding saw the ball go out for a corner off the goalkeeper's body.

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Ringwood defender Keith Adams flies horizontally to head clear in front of George Cross captain Billy Wilkinson. At left is Jim Paparas and at right Brian Carnaby, player coach of Ringwood.

Gully home with three by Cain

GREEN GULLY 5 (Cain 3, Carr 2) PRESTON 2 (Petrovski, Fawknor) Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup final.

GREEN GULLY: Lukac, Hogben, Muscat, Kulicek, J. Thompson, (Horn 83rd min), McCarthy, Crilly, Torner, Zammit (Galea 57th min), Cain, Carr.

PRESTON: Vidacic, Tanevski, Spasevski, Najdovski, Yovcevski, McGifford, Masalkovski, Blasevski (Risteovski 81st min), Stojanovski (Dimovski 50th min), Petrovski, Fawknor.

Former Slavia defender John Cain tried his hand as a forward and grabbed a hat-trick to help Green Gully reserves to a 5-2 victory in the Harry Armstrong Cup final against Preston reserves.

Cain, who transferred to Green Gully for a four-figure amount earlier this season, was one of six regular State League players on show in the reserve Cup final.

The others were Ian McCarthy, Steve Carr (both Green Gully) and Ljube Petrovski, Dragon Blasevski and Jeff Fawknor (all Preston).

They were eligible to play in the reserve Cup because they hadn't played in their clubs' Dockerty Cup campaigns.

Many people are in favor of new laws to ensure that clubs field their true reserve sides in the Armstrong Cup, and not a team scattered with first team players.

Under a new system, players who spend most of the season in the reserve competition would represent the club in the Armstrong Cup.

After a goal-less first half, both sides became goal hungry in the second 45 minutes and seven goals were scored.

Cain put Gully ahead soon after the re-start, but Preston's Petrovski, playing as a forward, levelled the scores within minutes with a shot from 25 metres.

However, Cain replied with vengeance, scoring two goals in eight minutes as Gully raced to a 3-1 lead.

His third goal came from a pass from McCarthy, who held the Greens together in midfield.

After a lull in the goalscoring, Green Gully was again on target when Carr made the score 4-1.

Fawknor, who was Preston's best player, showed his class with a fine goal on the run after a pass from Petrovski.

But Carr made sure the Armstrong Cup became Gully's, for the first time in the club's history, when he slammed home a volley after a cross from Cain, for what was the most spectacular goal of the game.



Green Gully reserves captain Joe Muscat accepts the Harry Armstrong Cup from Victorian Soccer Federation vice-president Eric Heath.

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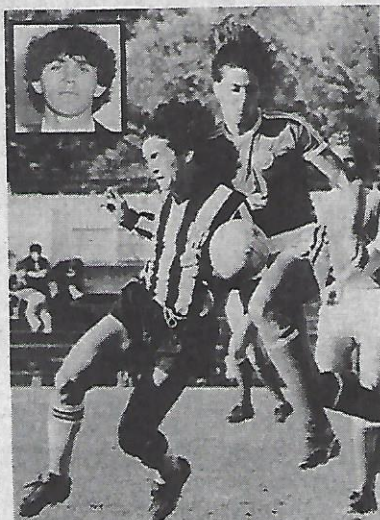
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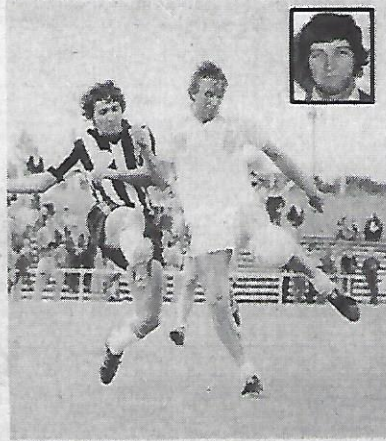
SERGIO MELTA, full back or midfield, young player who missed part of the season due to a visit to Italy. The action picture shows him in a clash with Eddie Krncevic of Essendon Croatia in their Philips Cup match. Previously with Birkalla.



JOHN NYSKOHUS, striker, joined early last year from Lion, scored nine league goals last season and seven this year. Capped 14 times for Australia. Pictured in action against Iran in the World Cup match in Melbourne last year.



DIXIE DEANS, striker, top scorer in the PSL with 16 last season after joining Adelaide City from Scotland where he played for Celtic and Partick Thistle. He also played for Luton and Carlisle in England. A legendary goalscorer of British Soccer, he once scored six in Celtic's 7-0 victory over Partick. He's pictured scoring for Adelaide City against Mooroolbark with a header.



BUGSY NYSKOHUS, right back, bought from Lion last year, capped three times for Australia and named as best right back in the "Soccer Action" team of the year for 1978. Nyskohus is pictured in action against Bertie Lutton of South Melbourne.

Adelaide City will recruit at least two more players to make a determined bid for the Philips League championship next season.

In the meantime, Adelaide aims to win the Philips Cup on Sunday.

Its opponent is Cup holder Brisbane City. The final will be played at Perry Park in Brisbane.

"We're waiting until all our playing commitments are over before we start moving for new players," club president **Charlie Caruso** said this week.

"Price is no object. We want quality players who will take us up the ladder, and we are willing to pay for the right men."

Adelaide City's biggest buys so far have been **Dixie Deans** for \$20,000 and **Agenor Muniz** for \$15,000.

Coach **Les Scheinflug**'s contract has not yet been renewed but Caruso says he hopes Scheinflug will stay with the club next season. Impressive club rooms costing \$350,000 and featuring two bars, a kitchen, offices, board room and other facilities were recently completed at the Olympic Sports Field and the club hopes to add a large function hall for about 800 people.

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Adelaide City, standing from left: Dr Tom Mittiga (manager and property steward), John Perin, Buggy Lister, Zoran Matic, Les Scheinflug (coach), Charlie Caruso (secretary), Agenor Muniz, John Nyskohus, John Deans, Roger Romanowicz.

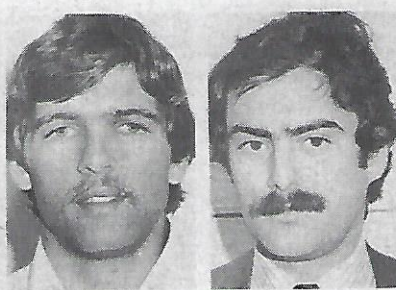
Total gates at City's home matches last season were 100,000 — the highest in the league.

Gates were lower this season due partly to bad weather and partly to the team's lower position on the table.

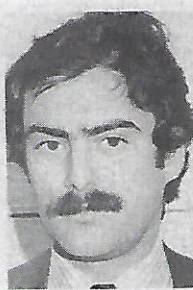
But Caruso is confident of record crowds next year when City makes a push for the title.

All appearances and goals last season 1978 (appearances by after photo)

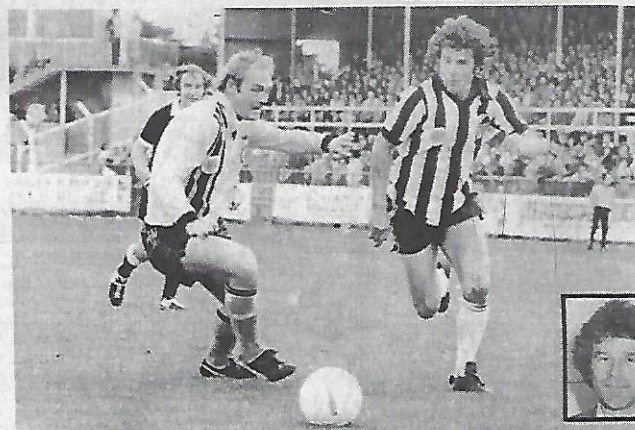
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PETER MARSHALL, goalkeeper, joined last year from Birkalla and won the No. 1 goalkeeper's position from Socceroo Roger Romanowicz.



JOHN BESIR, centre back, a long-standing star of South Australian soccer, came from Yugoslavia and joined Adelaide City from Beograd Woodville.



JOHN PERIN, midfielder, capped four times for Australia and has represented South Australia almost 40. Except for a season with Juventus of Melbourne, has played all his soccer with Adelaide City. He's pictured taking the ball past Jim O'Reilly of Fitzroy.

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In doing so, it scored 508 goals and conceded 116. During these years the only premiership lost was in 1955 by one point.

City also won various cups — among them the Ampol Cup, Coca Cola Cup and the Pozza, Aquila D'Oro and Patriti Cups.

Caruso now wants to lay a firmer junior foundation.

"We must be willing to spend more on juniors to ensure a flow of players in the future," he said.

"Maybe we'll provide the juniors with permanent club rooms, and organise camps attended by the national coach and top players.

"We have to create an atmosphere in which the kids feel important and in which they are keen to learn.

"At the moment, boys throughout Australia are lost to the game when they turn 16. Many are brilliant until that age and if we change our attitude, we will make sure of keeping them in soccer and developing them into senior players."

Adelaide City has six junior teams and also runs a South Australian Federation team which this year has won the Third Division premiership to gain promotion into the Second Division.

Most of those players are under 20 and it shouldn't take long for some of them to break into the PSL team.

eam doctor), Angelo Delmedico (ground man- kohus, Peter Marshall, Robert Marwe, Frank Caruso (president). Front: Carmine Picarello Besir, Sergio Melita, Brian Northcote, Dixie cz, Gary Marocchi.

That push will start with a series of practice matches against Hakoah, South Melbourne, Marconi, Fitzroy, Footscray and others early next year.

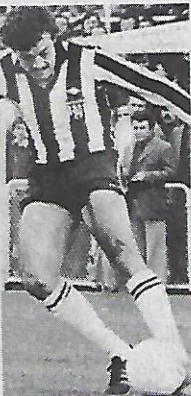
A plan to extend grandstand cover for spectators will help to boost crowds even further. City has a proud history to live up to.

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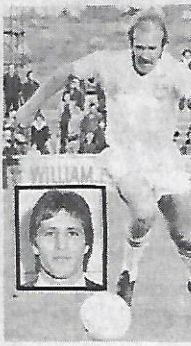
ROBERT MARWE, utility player, joined from Croatia early this year and has played with distinction in defence as well as attack.



FRED YUNG, left back, came into the PSL with Adelaide City and has represented South Australia.



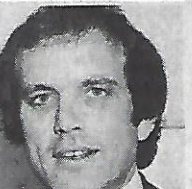
JIM MUIR, centre back or striker, joined this year from Motherwell. Is on a visit back home but will be back next season. Muir (right) is pictured coming to the aid of injured team mate Dixie Deans.



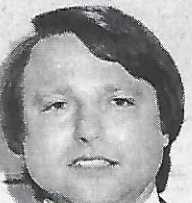
BRIAN NORTHCOTE, midfielder or striker, joined from NSW club Granville early last year, after representing NSW. Highly underrated player who has the potential to represent Australia. He's pictured contesting the ball with Mike Pye of South Melbourne.



CHARLIE CARUSO, president



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LES SCHEINFLUG, coach, Australian captain in the 1965 World Cup qualifying matches. Played for Prague and was player-coach of Marconi. Has also coached Sydney Croatia, Western Suburbs and Brisbane Lions. Assistant to national coach Hale Rasid in the 1973-74 World Cup campaign.

All of Adelaide City's results and goalkeepers this year

PHILIPS LEAGUE

Ad. C. 0 Footscray 1 (Nicolais). Canberra 2 (Byrne, Gruijic) Ad. C. 2 (J. Nykohus, Melita).

Ad. C. 1 (Marocchi) Brisbane City (Echeverria, Marley).

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Ad. C. 0 Olympic 1 (D. Allen). Hakoah 1 (Campbell) Ad. C. 2 (J. Nykohus, Northcote).

Ad. C. 1 (B. Nykohus) Newcastle 1 (Gajini).

Ad. C. 4 (Kolecki 2, J. Nykohus, Perini) West. Sub 2 (Fisher, Eaton pen).

Brisb Lions 3 (Potter, Lazlo, Harrison pen) Ad. C. 1 (Kolecki).

Ad. C. 1 (Muir) St. Melb 1 (Christopoulos).

Fitzroy 3 (Campbell 3) Ad. C. 0.

Ad. C. 1 (Marocchi) W. Adel 2 (Reynolds, Pillay).

Ad. C. 3 (Marocchi 2, Muir) Canberra 1 (Gruijic).

Footscray 0 Ad. C. 1 (Deans).

Ad. C. 3 (Deans 2, Marocchi) Brisi 2 (B. Nykohus o.g., Levell).

Ad. C. 1 (Northcote) St. George 2 (D. Connor, Horsman).

Ad. C. 4 (J. Nykohus 2, Northcote, Perini) Marconi 0.

Olympic 2 (Pino, D. Allen) Ad. C. 1 (Muir).

Ad. C. 0 Hakoah 1 (Trester).

Newcastle 2 (Boden, Drinkwater) Ad. C. 2 (Northcote, Deans).

West. Sub 2 (Scott, Harding) Ad. C. 3 (Perini pen, J. Nykohus, Deans).

St. Melb 5 (Evans 2, Baxter, Kalfatis, Cummings) Ad. C. 0.

Ad. C. 1 (Muniz pen) Brisi Lions 4 (Fischer, B. Nykohus o.g., Neale, Ontong).

Ad. C. 3 (Muniz 2, Perini) Fitzroy 2 (Cole, Barnum).

Ad. C. 1 (Perini) W. Adel 1 (Bocic).

PHILIPS CUP

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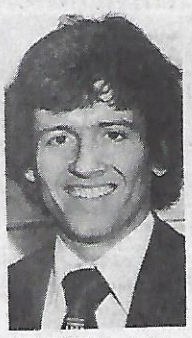
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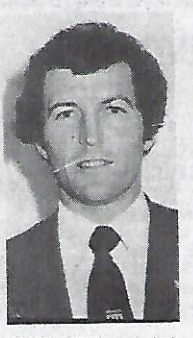
AGENOR MUNIZ midfielder, capped 15 times for Australia, bought from Hakoah-Easts last year for \$15,000 which was then an Australian record. Born in Brazil, came to Australia in 1971. This novel picture shows him putting in some "heavy training" before an international match.



ZORAN MATIC, centre back or midfielder, South Australian State representative bought from Beograd. Was thought to be retiring earlier this year but came back under new coach Les Scheinflug. The picture shows him heading clear ahead of South Melbourne's Graham French.



GARY MAROCCHI, midfielder, bought from Perth Azurri last year, capped 10 times for Australia, was captain of the Socceroos for the games against Greece.



FRANK LISTER, centre back, long-serving South Australian State player who's been with Adelaide City seven years. Formerly with Croatia, one of the strongest defenders in the PSL.



ROGER ROMANOWICZ, goalkeeper, capped six times for Australia, joined from Polonia six years ago, lost his position to Peter Marshall this year.

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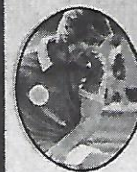
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• South Melbourne star Alun Evans, seen through the creative camera of SAM BELFONTE. The major picture shows Evans clashing with Marconi's Jimmy Rooney who is rumored to be joining South Melbourne next year. At top left Evans is pictured trying to get past Eddie Thomson of Ha-koah-East.



'We'll come back,' says Eltham

Eltham may have been relegated from the Victorian Second Division, but the club's spirit is not broken. "We'll be back next year," says club official Reg Emsden.

The Eltham senior team (top) is, from left, standing: Danny Spaniak, Alan Raynes, Paul Emsden, Mick Circa, Ralph Crowley, John Cochran; front: Kevin Emsden, Les Gooney, Gordon McIntosh, Campbell Wight, David Norton.

The reserves (bottom) are, from left, standing: Mick Welsby, Ritchie Mitchell, Tony Watson, Danny Dick, Ron van der Zwart, Gordon Kirkwood; front: Ian Rudgley, Marcel van der Silk, Stewart Taylor, Andy Lee, Cliff Harrison.



Zahra pledges to lift George Cross

Dynamic Alf Zahra promises to lift George Cross (Vic) into a new, progressive era if he is elected club president.

Zahra has been a key man at George Cross for some time. He is also one of the most generous financial backers.

Zahra, who runs Berkshire Auto Refinishers in McIntyre Road, North Sunshine, is seeking the presidency vacated by Alf Attard who will not stand again.

"We have to work constructively to make George Cross a major force again," Zahra said this week.

"Of course this cannot be

gone in a short period of time but I am determined to make sure there are big improvements.

"We'll get rid of the old-fashioned ideas and look to the future.

"Make no mistake, George Cross is going places."

With Alf Zahra at the helm, the Cross can hardly fail! — LAURIE SCHWAB



Alf Zahra

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Evans gives 'Der Bomber' a lesson

By KYLE PATTERSON

Very few players can boast they've flattened one of the most powerful soccer teams in the world single-handedly, or been valued at 100,000 English pounds on the soccer transfer market when just 17.

Alun Evans of South Melbourne can claim that record, but you'd never hear the former England under 23 international singing his own praises.

In fact, Evans is happy to be in the relative obscurity of Australian soccer as he makes one of his many stops along soccer's highway.

"Have boots will travel" has been the motto of Evans all his working life — some 13 years in professional soccer.

But for Evans it has been the involvement with the game he loves, not so much the success and adulation along the way.

Evans joined South Melbourne midway through the recently-concluded 1978-79 season from English Third Division club Walsall.

The \$15,000 South Melbourne paid for the blond striker lifted to \$230,000 the total amount various clubs have invested to have Evans play for them.

But then again, transfer fees don't mean much to Evans, apart from his own monetary interest.

"Soccer's a cracker of a game," said Evans. "I've had plenty of low spots but they just make the high spots that much better."

"I was in the doldrums before I came to Australia, but at the moment everything's great. When the sun comes out it will be even better."

"My contract with South Melbourne runs until 1980 but after that I don't know what I'll do. I take life as it comes."

The highest of Evans' high spots came in 1973. The scene was Anfield, the home ground of famous English First division club Liverpool.

Liverpool's opponent was Bayern Munich of West Germany, a team packed with great players such as Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd "Der Bomber" Mueller and Sepp Maier.

But in 90 minutes of play, the famous Bayern Munich, three times the winner of the European Cup, was brought to its knees by Evans. The young striker slammed home a hat-trick as Liverpool triumphed 3-0 in the European Cup tie.

It was Liverpool which had ensured Evans' name went down in history even before he'd kicked a ball for the club. The Merseyside team forked out 100,000 pounds for Evans when he was 17, making him the first teenager to be transferred for a six-figure amount in British football.

He originally was with Wotton-under-Edge Wanderers. After this fantastic start in top soccer, one would think Evans would be disappointed that he ended up in the Third division by the time he was 25.

However, if he does feel let down, he doesn't show it. He realises pro soccer is extremely unpredictable but it's his job and he doesn't see any use in dwelling on the past.

"I enjoyed my stay at every club I went to," he said, "and the different challenges each gave me. I've never thought much about my record transfer fee, because to me playing football was the important thing."

Evans' career in professional soccer began at the age of 15. After leaving school he joined Wolves which was then in the English First Division, as an apprentice professional.

"As long back as I can remember," he said, "I wanted to be a pro footballer. I didn't ever consider any type of job, except as a soccer player."

"In England, every young lad is trying to get into the pro ranks. In Australia the kids are dead-interested in soccer

as well. That surprised me a bit but it shows soccer has a big future here."

Evans made a rapid rise through the Wolves youth and reserve teams and found himself in the hurly-burly of the First Division at the age of 17.

Dave MacLaren, who's now manager of South Melbourne, and the man who brought Alun out to Australia, was also at Wolves.

"Dave was a goalkeeper," explained Evans, "but when I joined the club he was concentrating on coaching the youth team."

Evans played 20 games in the Wolves team, scoring four goals, before his historic transfer in September 1968.

Evans joined Liverpool, and came under the guidance of Bill Shankly, one of the greatest managers in English football.

"Shankly was a great motivator," said Alun, "although I hate using that word to describe a coach. He would abuse players at times, but later would tell them they're the best in the world."

"Whatever his trick was, it worked. When a player wore a Liverpool shirt, it was like pulling on the shirt of his country. You were made to feel very proud when you were in the red of Liverpool."

Evans made 77 appearances for Liverpool, scoring 21 goals in the process.

Apart from the glory of the European Cup hat trick against Bayern Munich, Evans won an F.A. Cup runners-up medal in 1971 when Liverpool was beaten 2-1 in the final by Arsenal.

Unfortunately for Evans, he and Liverpool were to part company not long after.

Alun was dropped from the Liverpool team, and reacted by asking for a transfer.

"Looking back," he said, "I over-reacted. If I had used my head I still might have been with Liverpool today."

"Liverpool is, without a doubt, the greatest club in Britain, and one of the top teams in the world."

Evans may rue his decision to leave Liverpool but at the time everything looked rosy for the future.

Aston Villa signed Evans for 75,000 pounds.

But, as it turned out, Evans' career took a slight deviation from the high he'd been on for so long.

In three years with Aston Villa, he managed only 11 goals in 53 appearances. However, his stay with the club was productive in a team sense. As Aston Villa won the 1975 League Cup, beating Norwich City 1-0 in the final.

Later in 1975, Walsall, an English Third Division club which plays in the same city — Birmingham — as Aston Villa, made an offer for Evans. He transferred for 3,000 pounds.

"Walsall was a good move for me," said Evans. "I was brought up in the Midlands and so staying in the area suited me."

"The 3,000 pounds transfer fee was nothing really. Some players in England want to transfer for as high an amount as possible because they get a 5% cut. But I liked the look of Walsall and the club offered me good terms into the bargain."

So Evans, who has six England under 23 caps to his name, slipped into the Third Division.

But, at the start of the 1978-79 English season, Evans and Walsall had a dispute. The striker wanted a better contract but Walsall held out.

Evans was on the transfer

list for several weeks but a lack of interest from other clubs had him worried.

"The English Third and Fourth Divisions are in the doldrums at the moment," explained Alun. "The economic climate in Britain makes it hard for soccer clubs to keep going."

"I'd been on the list for three weeks when I got an offer from South Melbourne. It didn't take me long to make up my mind. I thought it would be nice to get a break, so I agreed to come."

Evans scored around 20 goals in 80 games for Walsall. He scored a total of 56 goals in 230 games during his career in England.

Evans brought his wife Mary and two of his children out to Australia. The easy-going Evans was about to start a new excursion into the soccer world.

However, his trip Down Under presented him with a problem he'd never before encountered in 13 years as a pro.

Evans was to get regular doses of the "Monday morning blues," and know the feeling of the "nine-to-five grin." For the first time in his life, Alun was working!

He's a car salesman with Reg Hunt-Rhodes and admits his new life style is hard to get used to.

"I'd never worked before I came out to Australia," said Evans. "It's sort of a challenge but at times it's hard."

Alun will have to continue working full-time unless South Melbourne turns professional.

"Everybody at South Melbourne is trying to do things in a professional way," said Evans, "but the club has to get the backing from businesses and the support of the fans before we could turn pro."

"But I think that once one club makes the break, the rest will follow."

Evans is hoping South Melbourne can become a professional club but in the meantime he's enthusiastic about the team's chances for next season.

"We're two or three players short of being a good side," he said. "With these additional players, no team in the league could touch us."

Evans says he was surprised the standard was so high in Australia, comparing it with the bottom of the English Second Division.

"And there's no doubt that the standard will improve fairly quickly over the next couple of years," he added.

He nominated Peter Sharn and Roberto Vieri as the best players he's seen in the PSL and Marconi as the outstanding team.

"Sharn is so quick," praised Alun, "and Vieri knows all about the game."

Soccer has left a mark on Evans physically. The 28-year-old striker has had all his knee cartilages removed and has had countless other injuries. Because he's a centre forward, he "gets kicked all the time by defenders."

And what does life have in store for Evans when he's too old to make a living from soccer?

"I don't really know," was Evans' predictable answer. "I haven't ever looked too far beyond the present, but I realise I'll have to get into something."

"I'd like to retire a millionaire," he joked.

On a more serious note, Alun said soccer coaching and management of clubs are two areas he'll be looking towards after his playing days are over.



Rudi Gufendorf: He's named most of the players for the Under-19 squad but says those who don't perform will be sent home.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Victorian players will come under ruthless scrutiny when training camps begin for the national under 19 squad that will compete in the qualifying games of the world youth championships.

If they don't show their best, they won't be given a second chance, says national coach Rudi Gufendorf.

That applies also to candidates from the other States, but the Victorians have more to prove in the light of their mediocre performance in a trial match against Essendon Croatia last week.

"I saw more pure talent in Melbourne than I saw in Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide," he said, "but I did not see the application and the effort that I expect."

"In the other States the players may not have as much talent but at least they gave 100 per cent effort."

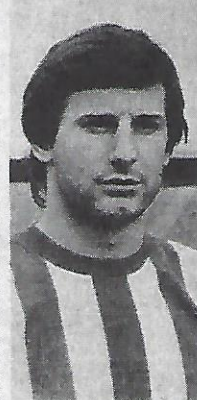
"Some of the Melbourne players were playing like prima donnas — like 35-year-old former internationals who want only to push the ball around while doing as little hard work as possible."

"Indeed, the Melbourne players let themselves down and worse still, they let down their coach, Bill Curran."

"However, in our training camps, the Victorians, along with the players from other States, will be given another chance."

"They will have to show me that they are real fighters with the qualities necessary to get them into a national team."

Cosmos wins in Spain



Vladislav Bogicevic

MADRID — New York Cosmos wiped out the memory of its 7-1 loss to Bayern Munich by beating Athletic Madrid 3-2 here in a friendly match.

Half-time score was 0-0. Scorers:

Chinaglia (72 minutes) Cosmos.

Bogicevic (77 minutes) Cosmos.

Seninho (79 minutes) Cosmos.

Rubio (80 minutes) Athletic Madrid.

Levinha (87 minutes) Athletic Madrid.

Final chance for the prima donnas' of Victoria

ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Gilder, Ishtuk) VICTORIAN UNDER 19s 0 at Olympic Park, trial match for national under 19 selection.

Teams: CROATIA: Banovic (Francis); Smart (Pavlovic); Cotic (Kokoska); Gardiner, Bilaver (Jutrisa); Culina, Vojtek (Andrews); Lesan; Davidson (Ishtuk); Gilder, Franin (Batinovic). UNDER 19s: Oliver (Tsigris); Kyriakoulas (Kakantonis); Dri-noczi (Belic); Blair, Traficante (Scarlett, inj. sub. Traficante); Christopoulos, Davidson, Selemidis (Crino); Loh, Krncevic, Pichner (Nicolaidis).

Ogden (midfield), Mark Brunsco (striker).

He was due to watch players from NSW, Newcastle and Canberra today (Wednesday).

Candidates from those areas include Danny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic, Steve Hogg (Canberra), Peter Kay (St. George), Greg Woodhouse (Western Suburbs), Rod Skellern (Western Suburbs), Tony Pezzano (Hakoah), Neil Endacott (Newcastle) and Peter Tredinnick (Newcastle).

Asked to name any candidates he has seen for the full national team, Gufendorf mentioned only Vic Bozanic, the left back or midfielder of West Adelaide.

He was also impressed by speedy winger Brian Davidson of Essendon Croatia, but Davidson is ineligible as he is a New Zealander.

The first training camp for the national under 19 squad will be in Sydney or Melbourne on Friday, October 13. The squad will number 27 players.

The same 27 will enter camp again on Thursday, October 13.

The squad will be cut to 22 on Sunday, October 22.

During the training camps Gufendorf plans to have two games against the national A team of his predecessor Jim Shouler.

"That way I can kill two birds with one stone," he said.

Friday, October 27, is the date of the next camp, followed by another on Friday, November 3.

From then on we will stay together until we leave for New Zealand on November 9," Gufendorf said.

The first qualifying match in New Zealand for the world youth championship is against Taiwan on Saturday, November 11.

Australia then meets Fiji on Nov. 14 and New Zealand on Nov. 18.

Gufendorf was angered by the dramatisation of injuries during the Victorian under 19's trial match against Croatia.

One player received treatment for five minutes on the pitch and then on the sideline

and another went off only five minutes after coming on, due to a knock to the face.

"We can't have that sort of thing in international competition," Gufendorf said.

"But it seems to be the tendency in Australian soccer to stop the game for every little knock."

"Spectators want to see non-stop action. Coaches, referees and spectators must educate players that the game does not stop for every minor discomfort."

Of the under 19's performance, he said: "They didn't make one good scoring chance for the whole game."

"There was no explosion up front."

"The central striker Krncevic was always left on his own to battle against three or four men, without support from the midfield."

"At least one midfielder player has to move up to help the striker, to play one-two with him."

"The boys I saw in midfield appear to be very lazy. Numbers 4, 8 and 10 Selemidis, Davidson and Christopoulos have some excellent skill but they didn't give 100 per cent. From what I saw of them, I'm sure they can do it, so why didn't they?"

Davidson started the first half quite brilliantly, playing some imaginative forward balls and working hard as well. Selemidis was also in the thick of the action.

Christopoulos had a let-hargic first half in midfield before he was shifted the sweeper's position.

Davidson spent most of the second half in defence while Selemidis was taken off at half time, so that someone else could have a run.

Of the others, Mike Loh ran hard in attack and Trafficante and looked impressive at left back.

However, the overall performance was poor.

In the second half, Croatia had six reserve players on the field, yet still the under 19s did not manage to apply any pressure.

Croatia's winning goals were scored by Carl Gilder in the first half and Ivica Ishtuk in the second half.



Newcastle United's Neil Endacott — one of the candidates for the national Under 19 squad.



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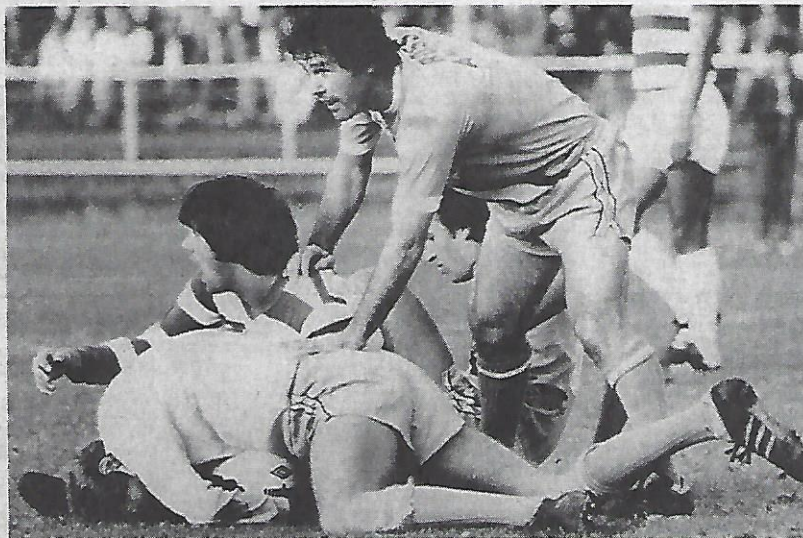
Bobby Charlton (left) was Australia's VIP guest during the 1978 season. He is pictured being poured a drink by Max Talbot, chairman of Newcastle United, the club which brought him from England for promotions and guest games.



One of the most tragic events of 1978 was George Campbell breaking a leg in the PSL match against Adelaide City. Our Photographer Sam Belfonte captured the exact moment in which the break occurred. The man making the tackle is Frank Lister. Also pictured is Adelaide City's Zoran Matic carrying Campbell from the pitch.



The year 1978 marked the end of Helmut Schoen's brilliant career as manager of the West German national team. During his reign Germany won the 1974 World Cup, came second in 1966 and third in 1970. Germany also won the 1972 European championship and came second in 1976.



Pile-up! Marconi's skipper Jimmy Rooney calls over a trainer to attend goalkeeper Allan Maher who is down after a clash with Sydney Olympic forward Derek Laing (stripes). Also down is Ivo Prskalo of Marconi.



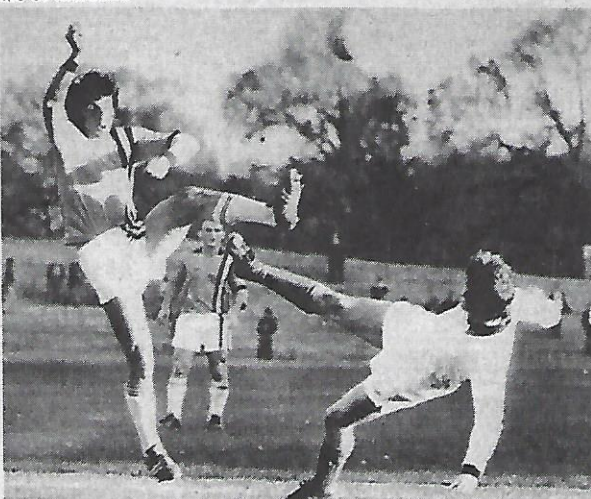
"Please, not the card," says Footscray's Igor Hazabent as he's cautioned by referee Tim Davies. No. 17 is Andrija Ristic.



"Would you mind getting up?" asks referee Bob Henderson as Brisbane City's Roberto Echeverria makes the most of an "injury". At right are South Melbourne's Chris Kalafatis and Margaritis Hagegmanouli.



Peter Sharpe put in a valiant effort which helped get Marconi into the PSL final. At left is Con Kampas, one of the key men in West Adelaide's championship triumph.



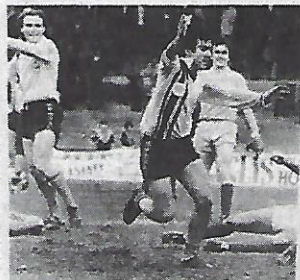
A highlight of the soccer season was Victoria's 2-1 victory over Dundee of Scotland. Victorian defender Jim Kondarios is pictured making an acrobatic clearance during that game. In the background is Tommy Cumming.



Austria defeats world champion West Germany in the World Cup finals, and Austria's goalkeeper Friedrich Koncilia is the happiest man in Argentina.



Hakoah captain Henry Mowbray has a heated argument with referee Barry Wilkinson during the scoreless draw between Hakoah and Marconi. Eddie Thomson of Hakoah and Ivo Prskalo of Marconi were sent off in this unruly clash.



Goal! Jim Campbell of Fitzroy, one of the best goalscoring midfielders in Australia, puts one away against Hakoah-Easts at Olympic Park, as Henry Mowbray dives in vain to cover for fallen goalkeeper Todd Clark. In the background is Eddie Thomson and at left Jim Tansey.



Let's have a player's union

The ABC's new Soccer program "The Watch of the Day" introduces to Australia a former playing colleague of mine and one of England's most colorful personalities, Jimmy Hill.

Jimmy is not a stranger to our screens. He has hosted big games shown here over the past several years.

This year however he will be seen on a week-to-week basis in place of Brian Moore whose top-rating English commercial channel show, "The Big Match" won a huge audience here but is now too costly for the ABC budget.

I played with Hill at Fulham in the 60's when he was the only bearded soccer player in the First Division.

He was chairman of the English soccer players' union during that period, a time of great turmoil when the players, led by Hill, threatened strike action to get rid of the maximum wage rule which placed restrictions on how much players could earn.

The maximum wage was a pitiful 20 pounds a week and after months of negotiations and strike threats Jimmy Hill came up with a recommendation that the players should accept a new ceiling of 30 pounds a week.



MIKE JOHNSON

He said that if we accepted this we could seek a further increase in a year or two. He made this suggestion at a meeting of several hundred players in London.

Along with several others at the meeting I spoke against the idea and Hill backed down and put the strong motion to the Football League clubs that the maximum wage had to be abolished or we would go on strike the next week.

The maximum wage was abolished a few days later. My club captain at Fulham, Johnny Haynes, the then captain of England, had his wage boosted overnight from 20 pounds to 100 pounds a week. Hill has since had a successful spell as manager of Coventry, taking them from the Third to the First Division.

He obviously did not like the mortality rate that existed in the English First Division among managers and coaches so upon getting there, he immediately quit to go into television.

In recent times Hill has been in the news as an advisor to Saudi Arabia on how to set up a soccer structure in the oil-rich country.

player who is voted in each year.

There is however a full time secretary Cliff Lloyd, who has held the job for more than two decades.

He and his staff are the people who get things done — the chairman is only a figurehead who chairs various meetings that set down policy.

The same set-up is needed in Australia.

There needs to be a national full-time secretary who can travel the country mediating on disputes and so on.

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Jimmy Hill

Magnificent parade of youth

It was my pleasure last week to watch the under 14, 15 and 16 NSW grand finals, which once again confirmed my faith in the progress being made in Australian junior soccer.

In the under 14 game APIA beat Toongabbie 2-1, in the under 15s APIA and Western Suburbs drew 1-1, and in the under 16s Marconi beat Sydney Olympic 1-0.

More than 800 people turned up at Garside Park to watch the matches and the atmosphere was phenomenal.

The NSW Federation certainly deserves congratulations for the professional manner in which it organised this gala day.

Every player's name was announced over the loud speaker as he stepped onto the pitch. Every player had a track suit bearing the name of his club.

And the spectators included a veritable who's who of Sydney soccer: Joe Marston, Mike Johnson, Mick Jones, John Doyle, Cliff van Blerk, Olympic president John Constantine, and his committeemen, various officials from APIA and a Federation delegation led by Ken Ferguson.

The coaches have done a great job in improving the boys' skills and I take my hat off to them.

The only advice I would offer is to perhaps put a little bit more emphasis on physical fitness. In the Western Suburbs v APIA game I counted eight instances of cramp. This shouldn't happen to under 15 boys.



RALE RASIC

The cramps were due partly to their inexperience in distributing effort in the right way, but I still think they should be subjected to a little more physical preparation.

Coaches Arthur Chyis of Olympic and Bill Burnett of Marconi deserve special praise as their under 16 boys are in their last year of junior preparation before stepping into second grade teams and being considered for first grade soccer.

Arthur Chris said quite honestly: "I have done as an amateur everything I could. Now it is up to the professionals to take over."

But Arthur and Bill shouldn't be so modest. The boys they have turned out show tremendous skills and many can look forward to a bright future in senior soccer.

Overall, it was a magnificent parade of talent. After the games, all the officials got together in the rooms to celebrate with champagne in a sporting atmosphere. So it should be at all senior games.

Conquering Saints seek second title

Having won the Victorian Inter-Technical Schools tournament, St. Albans Tech is now out to prove it is also better than anything the high schools have to offer.

Italian Cup for juniors

The popular Italian Cup (Vic), a senior competition for Italian-backed clubs which is organised annually by Fawkner, is to have a forerunner this year.

The Italian Junior Cup will be run by Juventus. Six Italian junior clubs will compete.

The under 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 teams of Juventus, Fawkner, Bulleen, Werribee, Thomastown and San Marco will compete at Summer Park, Brunswick for the next four weekends, starting Saturday, October 7, at 12.30 p.m.

The under 18 teams of each club will vie for the Mirabella Cup.

A trophy will be presented to the winner of each age group.

The Italia Cup senior competition starts in late November. "Soccer Action" will have a special preview of the competition in a coming issue.

St. Albans will compete in a tournament between the top two technical schools and the top two high schools.

After losing 1-2 to Tottenham in the first inter-school match, St. Albans went on to beat Williamstown 5-1, Niddrie 8-0, Sunshine 2-0, Footscray (team one) 4-0 and Footscray (team two) 3-0.

St. Albans thus finished first in its area, with Tottenham in second place.

Next, it beat Lalor Tech 4-0, Kellor Park 2-1 after extra time, Richmond 4-0 and Clayton 2-1 in the final.

The St. Albans team was: George Shinas — Kenneth Raines, Graham Fowler, Frank Zsegedy, Jimmy Kakos — Wayne Parker, Boris Viti — Gary O'Hire, David Pronic, David Hogen, Steve Kokolic.

Reserves were Godwin Calleja, Dale Aquilina and Louis Canov.

Top scorer was David Hogen with 21 goals.

The team is coached by J. Hompat who coached Kellor-Austria to promotion to the Metro First Division and Hotham United to promotion to Provisional League First Division.

Watters best at Altona

Midfielder George Watters is Altona City's (Vic) player of the year.

The former St. Albans player was the club's best man in the eyes of referees, who voted 3-2-1 in the club's best and fairest award.

Bob Pedley won the reserve team best and fairest, and Alan Littley was the under 19 best player.

Former Green Gully winger Manny Gamble, who joined Altona earlier this season, was voted the rookie of the year.

In a show of club spirit, the Altona players banded together and presented Joe Wilson (first team coach), John Payne (assistant coach), John Innes (team manager) and Alby Swann (physio) with trophies.

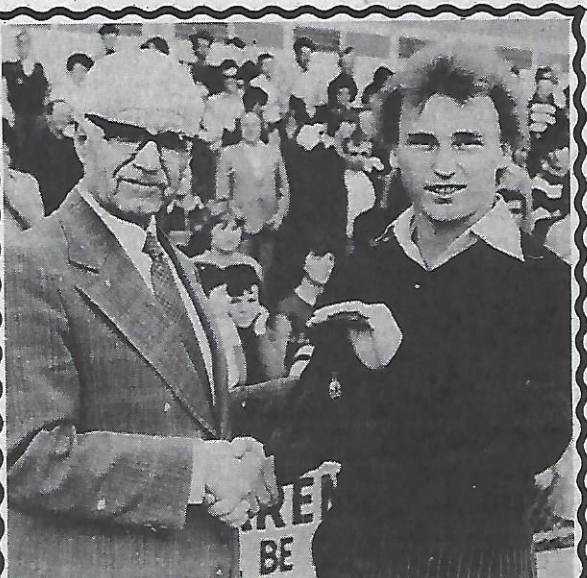
A contingent of Altona players and their wives and girlfriends will travel to Tasmania for an end-of-season trip.

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Essendon Croatia forward Tommy Cumming (right) receives the Bill Fleming Medal from Victorian Soccer Federation president Theo Marmaras at Olympic Park last Sunday. Votes for the medal are cast by Victorian soccer writers.

It's Georgie's Cup

The turning point came in the 40th minute. The City boys had weathered the Cross storm but looked set to crumble when Thom was sent off for allegedly punching Cutajar.

Billy Wilkinson the Cross captain, was booked soon after for a foul on O'Callaghan. Ringwood had it back to the wall, a customary position this season, but equalised on the stroke of half time.

A high ball pumped into the George Cross penalty box had Rice in all sorts of difficulties, and he dropped the ball after committing himself too early.

O'Callaghan was on hand to skillfully volley the ball just inside the post through a ruck of players.

In the five minutes before half time, the Ringwood players bonded together and carried this new-found spirit onto the field for the second half.

But George always looked more dangerous up forward.

Wilding was again called into action to keep his team in the game in the 53rd minute.

Wilkinson pushed the ball wide to Mirak, and he went past de Bruyckere on the left side. He delivered a measured cross to the far post where Paparas waited.

Adams challenged Paparas, forcing him to shoot slightly sooner than he would've liked but still — Wilding's save was excellent.

The Cross' advantage up front was virtually nullified by the pressure of the shaky Rice in goal.

Ringwood had a avenue of attack thanks to Rice's uncertainty.

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Wilding was again called into action to keep his team in the game in the 53rd minute.

Wilkinson pushed the ball wide to Mirak, and he went past de Bruyckere on the left side. He delivered a measured cross to the far post where Paparas waited.

Adams challenged Paparas, forcing him to shoot slightly sooner than he would've liked but still — Wilding's save was excellent.

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header from a Garthwaite free kick.

Then O'Callaghan got in on the far post to head at goal, again from a Garthwaite free kick.

Rice struck more trouble in the 61st minute when he could only palm out O'Callaghan's lob, and had to scramble as Kupinic raced in.

But the Cross showed its superiority in the forward division with a well-taken goal in the 75th minute.

Barron curled a free kick to the area of the near post, and the elusive Cullen was on hand to glide the ball into the net with a glancing header.

Leading 2-1, George Cross looked as though it had finally put

an end to Ringwood's nagging persistence, but Rice blundered again.

Garthwaite, who was taking most of Ringwood's free kicks, sent fierce drive at goal from at least 50 metres. Rice came off his line, jumped, but grabbed at thin air and the ball sailed into the back of the net.

The boisterous George Cross fans were silenced but became vocal once again when Cullen was brought down in the area and referee Marek Monmont pointed to the penalty spot.

Read slammed the ball home, and it was curtains for Ringwood City and its gallant effort.

So the Dockerty Cup became the property of George Cross for the third time in the club's history.

'I'll do it my way'

My national team players have to be utility players both in defence and attack. We have to work hard to perfect this ability.

Our aim must be: At the place of action (where the ball is) we must have one more man than the opposition.

Every player has to be prepared to make his sprints at least with the same speed (with and without the ball) as his direct opponent.

Furthermore, he has to force this opponent to run after him, to make life difficult for him.

The midfield is not to be bridged with dribbling. It has to be bridged with long, deep through passes to the strikers.

Mistakes have to be accepted, because all this is not easy and interception by the opponent is the danger.

Dribbling and holding the ball is a tactical crime. It costs time which the opponent uses to form a tight defence. In the midfield, the ball has to move, not the player, because the ball is faster than the player.

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Generally, in modern soccer, attack is often launched with only two front strikers and because of that, the midfield is strengthened.

I think that against two front strikers I need only two defensive players plus a libero.

To counter-balance the opposition's midfield I thus strengthen my midfield even more.

In my midfield, I put one or two men who can play offensively and constructively to give me a positive advantage.

The libero in the opponents' defence has to be kept busy, mainly by the centre forward, so that he can't become offensive.

Our front strikers have to occupy the full width of the field constantly. This way the opponents' full backs are kept back and on the sidelines and a wide avenue to goal is created for us.

The wing players have to present themselves as wide as possible; their shoes have to be white from the chalk of the sidelines.

They have to gain control over the game and our attacks have to be carried out over the wings. At least one winger always has to be free in the outside position if we use two strikers.

After the attack has been launched on one side and the opponents' libero has been tricked to the ball-side, the attack must be changed quickly, so as to pull as many defenders as possible out of position.

Thus we tear and split the defence and create scoring chances.

I would appreciate it if club coaches would concentrate on one-touch football at training sessions. My own favorite training method is 7 v. 7 across the field, without goals, with man-to-man marking and with only one touch.

These are only a few of my thoughts. Many more remain to be discussed.

I am sure all of us in soccer have the same aim — to raise the overall standard of play.

I am confident all coaches will be able to help me and for my part, I would be pleased to hear how I might be able to help them.

STOP PRESS!

OLYMPIAKOS COMING

The Australian tour, by Greek team Olympiakos, was confirmed as we went to press (see story page 6).

Olympiakos will arrive in Melbourne on November 23rd. It will play against South Melbourne at Olympic Park on November 26th, and against P.S.L. select sides in Adelaide on November 29th and in Sydney on December 2nd.



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Unbeaten champs



Preston under 14s, back row from left: P. Dajkos (manager), B. Karevski, B. Atanasovski, C. Oposinis, M. Nitson, G. Velkou, P. Christov, J. Kalinchev (coach). Front: G. Lazarou, L. Vasilevski, G. Babulos, A. Stoios, B. Popovski, P. Christidis (captain).

Preston maintained its tradition of excellence in junior soccer by winning the under 14 State League Colts championship undefeated. The boys finished with 30 points, which includes two draws, and scored 71 goals against 12.

contributed to a magnificent team effort and their attitude before every game was perfect. Top scorer for the season was George Lazarou with 16. Second was Paul Christidis with 12.

"If all the boys continue with the effort they showed this year, they can look forward to a great future in soccer," Kalinchev said.



Juventus under 11s — champions of 1978. Back row from left: G. Muccio (team manager), N. Ciprioni, P. Scaleri, C. Innamorati, R. Battisti, L. Arturi, L. Tzani, C. DiPalme, M. Piccimini, J. Arturi (coach). Front: G. Incantoni, R. Arturi, A. Noto, S. Greco, A. Carpeuther, J. Scaleri, M. Muccio, R. Minichello.



They're the conquerors

Box Hill's unbeaten under 16 team, pictured after the side's 7-2 L.M.C. Cup final victory over Footscray.

Left to right — (back row) — Walter Patterson (coach) Scott Patterson (forward), Michael Valentine (midfielder), Shamus Van Der Westhuizen (defender), Scott Fitzgerald (goalkeeper), Upton Deane (defender), Greg McLeod (midfielder), Jamie Tidd (defender), Dick Featherstone (team manager). Front row — Ian Rodhouse (defender), Simon Kirby (forward), Robert Galli (forward), Michael Featherstone (defender, captain), Keith Waterman (goalkeeper), Peter Verachia (forward), David Singleton (defender), Paul McCarthy (forward).

Spencer scored 54 of Fernree Gully (Vic) under 7A' team's 55 goals this year. The team won eight, drew one and lost two games. He also scored 10 of the 18 goals notched by the 'B' team!

With that sort of record, some Phillips League team should move in now to get an option of his future services.

Spencer and his family arrived from England 17 months ago. "I watched soccer all the time back in England," he says.

"I followed Watford, they're in Division Three. My dad and I saw them play lots of times and we saw Luton a couple of times too."

"We were going to see Tottenham once but my dad couldn't find the ground."

"If I practice a lot I might go back to England and play there."

Who for? "England of course!"

Spencer attributes his success to a powerful right foot. "I didn't get one with my head this season, and I got 60 with my right foot," he says.

In one game against Knox, our defender took a corner and passed it to me on the edge of the box. I just took it and smashed it in, right in the top corner."

"My dad was going to shout out to control it, but I just put it in."

Spencer's best effort was scoring all nine goals in his team's 9-2 win in the middle of the season.

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Nogometna sezona u Australiji se približava svome kraju. U Viktoriji 'ce jedino turnir četvorku produžiti njen život za mesec dana. Eventualno i članovi Phillips Nacionalne Lige mogu nas obradovati jednim kracim turnirom u rezili sportskih novinara, koji se uskoro sastaju u Sidneju gde će se izabrati igrača godine.

Ringwood/Wilhelmina umalo jiji napravila senzaciju u finalu Dockerty Kupa. Medjutim, JUST-ov rekord je ostao neoboren u ovom najstarijem nogometnom takmicnju u Australiji. "PLAVI" su jos uvek jedini klub, koji je osvojio ovaj dragoceni trofej kao clan druge divizije. To se dogodilo prilicno davno - 1951 godine!

MAKEDONIJA je potrosila na igrace mnoge vise nego ijedan klub Drzavne lige, ali do sada nije postigla ni jedan znacajan uspeh. Posto je rezerva pretrpela katastrofu u finalu Armstrong Kupa, ostala je jos jedna nada, a to je turnir četvorka koji pocinje iduce nedelje 8. oktobra na Olympic Parku (Oval No. 2). Konkurencija je jaka. Pored Makedonije, naslov sampiona ze da osvoje prvak Essendon/Croatia, pobednik Dockerty Cupa George Cross i Micicev Hakoah.

Frank Micic ima cvrstu nameru da postane uspesan trener, isto koliko 'ce bio uspesan igrac. Vec u prvoj godini postigao je mnogo. Izvukao je Hakoaha iz blata i doveo ga u četvorku. Sada prizeljuje naslov sampiona. Da bi se sto bolje pripremio za 1. lute okrasje pozvao je drugi tim JUST-a da odigra trening utakmicu sa Hakoahom. Iako je Hakoah jedva dobio sa 2:1, Micic nije bio zadovoljan jer su njegovi momci igrali snagatroski nogomet, a to je najvise mrzeo kao igrac. Jedini gol za "plave" postigao je Andrija Ristic, iako su svi ostali navalni igraci imali daleko bolje i zrelije

sanse. Hakoah je izveo dva prodora i postigao isto toliko golova zahvaljujuci jakom vetru.

MAKEDONSKI TURNIR Makedonija je osvojila turnir osam timova na svom igralistu u Reservoiru. Iako je imala za protivnike nize-rasredne klubove, Makedonija se dobro namucila dok nije ostvarila ovaj uspeh. Jos u prvom kolu PELIS-TER iz Pascoe Vala je nesretno izgubio od Makedonije sa 3:2, iako je imao vise od igre. Tome Aposto-lovski je postigao dva gola, dok je McMillan dao dva tri za Makedoniju (ali jedan iz sumnjivog penala).

U polufinalu je CENTRAL ALTONA pobedila Makedoniju "B" sa 2:0, a Makedonija "A" MECO HOLDING sa 2:1.

U finalu MAKEDONIJA "A" je savladala Central Altonu na penale, posto se ur regularnom vremenu utakmica zavrila 2:2. Jedan gol za Central Altonu dao je Djordje Markovski, a drugi je autogol. Penale su promasil Cele Presilski i Boris Gelevski.

BODOVI BEZ IGRE

Poslednju prvenstvenu utakmicu TARAX nije odigrao, jer mu je Sperry Vickers predao bodove bez borbe. Medjutim, rezultat se belezi 0:0 a Taraxu su bili potrebni golovi (najmanje 4) da zauzme drugo mesto na tabeli. Ali i bez toga TARAX je zadovoljan i ponosan sa onim sto je postigao o ovoj sezoni. Najzaslužniji za postignut uspeh su Milos Adamovic i Veroslav Mladenovic, koji nikad nisu posustali, a bilo je teskih trenutaka. Dolaskom Jove Milinova, libre Hadziabdic i Alekso Todorovica TARAX je postao najveći konkurent Pegasusu, koji zadnjih nekoliko godina dominira Industrijskom ligom. Pored gore spomenutih igraca TARAX ima jos dva igraca, Mladena Kresingera i Dragana Pantica, koji nose lavovski deo tereta na svojim plecima.

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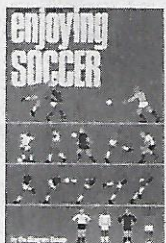
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Grant Davidson, 11, six goals (Morwell Falcons); Rocco Allesi, 15, five goals; Bruno Condello, 13, six goals (Cobram); Neil Broome, 8 (Boronia); Tom Sonant, 7, four goals; Liberio Carozza, 7 (Meadow Park); Stephen Peger, 14, four goals; David Tucker, 16, four goals (Oakburn College, Tas.).



Australian Soccer Camps' coaching clinics in Melbourne were again a great success.

In the picture above, the Camp's Victorian coaching director, Bobby McLachlan, shows 12-year-old Stewart Ferguson of Etham Soccer Club the finer arts of heading.

ΟΛΑ ΕΤΟΙΜΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΥΠΟΔΟΧΗ ΤΟΥ ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟΥ

Η επιφύλαξη του 'Ολυμπιακού Πειραιώς για το αποτέλεσμα του αγώνα της προηγούμενης εβδομάδας για το κύπελλο ΟΥΕΦΑ παραμερίστηκε μετά την ήττα από την Λέσβου με το 3-1 στην Σόφια και των αποκλεισμού του.

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Θα αναγορηθεί δε λίγος μετά τον αγώνα του Σίδνεϊ.

They want revenge for death of fan

LONDON. — Thousands of football fans have been distributed at Millwall football ground here calling for violent revenge against West Ham soccer fans next Saturday.

The leaflets carried a photograph of fan "Lee" Pratt, a Millwall fan who was killed when he fell under an express train as fans of the two sides fought after a match in September, 1978.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at his inquest.

Police say they are taking very seriously the leaflets which were distributed at Millwall's ground, The Den, and in New Cross and Old Kent Road areas of South London.

Footscray's guest sales Red Star

Zdravko Borovnica, the gangling striker who played guest games with Footscray J.U.S.T. in the Philips league last year, led Red Star Belgrade into the next round of the UEFA Cup last week.

Red Star had lost 2-5 to Easy Germany's Dynamo Berlin in the first leg and looked to be in a hopeless position.

However, Borovnica scored twice and Milos Sestac headed a vital fourth goal to give the Yugoslavs a 4-1 victory and passage into the next round on the away leg.

In the European Cup, England's Liverpool, winners for the last two years, was eliminated together with the team they beat in last season's final — Bruges of Belgium.

Liverpool hurtled everything at English rivals Nottingham Forest in a brave attempt to pull back a 2-0 first leg deficit and hang on to Europe's top club prize.

More than 50,000 desperate Liverpool fans roared the red-shirted champions forward but Forest, with England International goalkeeper Peter Shilton supreme, weathered the storm to grab a well deserved goalless draw for a 2-0 aggregate victory.

Time after time Liverpool raced into the attack with Scottish international Kevin Beattie, and England's Ray Kennedy having free shots hooked clear in the first half.

It seemed the Forest defence must crack in the place of a non-stop pressure, but they held on superbly for a shock win.

Bruges, leading 2-1 after the first leg in Belgium, slumped 3-1 away to Poland's Wisla Krakow who scored the winning goal seconds from time through Janusz Krupnicki in a thrilling match. The earlier goals had come from Kmieciak and Lipka.

Wisla will tour Australia in January.

It was a day of frantic activity with more than 100 clubs battling for glory in the European Cup, Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup.

Bruges and Liverpool were not the only top teams to suffer humiliating first-round defeats.

Italian champions Juventus, who reached last season's semi-finals, crumpled against Scotland's Glasgow Rangers.

The Italians had struggled to a 1-0 home win in Turin two weeks ago and Alex Macdonald leveled the score after 18 minutes in the second leg.

Veteran Italian International goalkeeper Dino Zoff kept Juventus in the game with a series of superb saves, but Rangers outlasted the vital second goal in the 69th minute when Gordon Smith brilliantly headed home a Bobby Russell free-kick.

Holland's PSV Eindhoven, smarting from a 2-1 first leg defeat in Turkey against Fenerbahce, crashed in six goals for a 7-3 aggregate win. Van Der

Για την σύνθεση της ομάδας που θα έλθει, ο κ. 'Ανεζάκης δήλωσε: «Θα είναι η καλύτερη που μπορούμε να έχουμε. Οι αγώνες της 'Εθνικής 'Ελλάδας για το κύπελλο ΟΥΕΦΑ παραμερίστηκε μετά την ήττα από την Λέσβου με το 3-1 στην Σόφια και των αποκλεισμού του.

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Zdravko Borovnica (left) scores for Footscray J.U.S.T. against South Melbourne goalkeeper Jack Reilly as Mike Pye tries in vain to cover during a Philips League match last year. Borovnica, who played guest games with Footscray, scored the goals that put Red Star through to the next round of the UEFA Cup.

EUROPEAN CUP

In Glasgow: Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 2 Juventus (Italy) 0 (1-0). Rangers won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Budapest: Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary) 0 Zbrojovka Brno (Czechoslovakia) 2 (0-2). Zbrojovka Brno won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Kharkov: Dinamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 2 Valtakousen Hele (Finland) 1 (2-0). Dinamo Kiev won 4-0 on aggregate.

In Dresden: Dynamo Dresden (East Germany) 2 Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 0 (2-0). Partizan Belgrade won 2-2 on aggregate.

In Lillestrøm: Lillestrøm (Norway) 1 Linfield (Northern Ireland) 1 (1-0). Lillestrøm won 1-0 on aggregate.

In Liverpool: Liverpool (England) 0 Nottingham Forest (England) 0. Nottingham Forest won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Rykjavik: Akranes (Iceland) 1 Cologne (West Germany) 1. (1-0). Cologne won 5-2 on aggregate.

In Monte Carlo: Monaco (France) 0 Malmoe (Sweden) 1 (0-1). Malmoe won 1-0 on aggregate.

In Eindhoven: PSV Eindhoven (Holland) 6 Fenerbahce Brno (Iceland) 2 (0-2). PSV Eindhoven won 7-3 on aggregate.

In Differdange: Progrès Niedercorn (Luxembourg) 0 Real Madrid (Spain) 7 (0-3). Real Madrid won 12-0 on aggregate.

In Porto: Porto (Portugal) 4 AEK Athens (Greece) 1 (0-1). AEK won 7-5 on aggregate.

In Valletta: Valletta (Malta) 3 Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 5 (0-3). Grasshoppers won 13-3 on aggregate.

In Krakow: Wisla Krakow (Poland) 3 Bruges (Belgium) 1 (0-1). Wisla won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Cork: Bohemians (Ireland) 1 Omania Nicola (Cyprus) 0 (0-1). Omania Nicola won 1-0 on aggregate.

In Budapest: MTK Budapest (Hungary) 2 Politechnia Timiara (Romania) 0 (0-0). Politechnia won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Dundee: Dundee United (Scotland) 2 Twente Enschede (Holland) 2 (1-0). Dundee United won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Liège: Liège (Belgium) 2 Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) 2 (1-0). Liège won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Norrköping: IFK Norrköping (Sweden) 0 Hibernian (Scotland) 0. Hibernian won 6-0 on aggregate.

CUP WINNERS' CUP

In Milan: Inter Milan (Italy) 5 Lazio Roma (Italy) 0 (2-0). Inter won 5-1 on aggregate.

In Düsseldorf: Fortuna Düsseldorf (West Germany) 1 Usvetstetten Crailsheim (Romania) 1 (1-0). Düsseldorf won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Barmby: Barmby (Northern Ireland) 0 Bearn (Belgium) 3 (0-0). Bearn won 6-0 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP

In Amsterdam: Ajax Amsterdam (Holland) 3 Athletic Bilbao (Spain) 0 (1-0). Ajax won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Lisbon: Benfica (Portugal) 0 Nantes (France) 0. Benfica won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Kosice: Lokomotiv Kosice (Czechoslovakia) 1 AC Milan (Italy) 0. AC Milan won 1-0 on aggregate.

In Naples: Napoli (Italy) 1 Dinamo Tbilisi (Soviet Union) 1 (0-0). Dinamo won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Athens: Panathinaikos (Greece) 1 Argus Pitesti (Romania) 2 (0-0). Argus Pitesti won 5-1 on aggregate.

In Graz: SK Sturm Graz (Austria) 1 Borussia Mönchengladbach (West Germany) 2 (0-1). Borussia won 7-2 on aggregate.

In Vienna: Rapid Vienna (Austria) 2 Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 1 (0-1). Hajduk Split won 2-2 on aggregate.

In Stuttgart: TSV Eintracht (West Germany) 4 Bielefeld (Switzerland) 1. (1-1). Stuttgart won 7-3 on aggregate.

In Turin: Torino (Italy) 1 Sporting Gijon (Spain) 0 (0-0). Sporting Gijon won 3-0 on aggregate.

In Ostrava: Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 1 Sporting Lorient (Portugal) 0 (0-0). Banik won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Stralsburg: Stralsburg (Finland) 4 IF Elfsborg (Sweden) 1 (2-1). Stralsburg won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Esbjerg: Esbjerg (Denmark) 1 Stearn Kristiansund (Norway) 0 (0-0). Esbjerg won 1-0 on aggregate.

In Copenhagen: B-1903 Copenhagen (Denmark) 4 Kuopio Pallo-Iirot (Finland) 4 (3-3). Kuopio won 6-5 on aggregate.

In Wrocław: Slask Wrocław (Poland) 3 Zvezda Krasnodar (Ukraine) 1. Slask won 7-3 on aggregate.

In Sofia: Levski Spartak (Bulgaria) 3 Olympeia (Greece) 1 (0-0). Levski won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Manchester: Manchester City (England) 3 Twente Enschede (Holland) 2 (1-0). Manchester won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Birmingham: West Bromwich Albion (England) 3 Galeswary (Turkey) 1 (0-0). West Bromwich won 6-2 on aggregate.

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From DOUG CONWAY of AAP

LONDON. — Two months ago Tottenham Hotspur splashed out £1,275,000 on two soccer superstars from Argentina, but already the club's dream of a whirlwind return to the English First Division is fading fast.

Oswaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa had just helped Argentina, the national team, to a celebrated triumph in the World Cup.

While millions were still drooling over their talents, Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw jumped on the bandwagon. Buenos Aires, hired an interpreter and signed the pair for three-year contracts.

The interpreter may have been superfluous. It is amazing how money can help break down the language barrier. The move was hailed as a dazzling coup that would make the North London club the focal point of British soccer.

The back-slapping acclaim that accompanied the signings has now died down. The new English season is only eight matches old, but the wisdom of this extravagant venture is being severely questioned.

Spurs are realising that trying to buy instant success in sport is not the same thing as buying instant fame. The Argentine duo, Ardiles and Villa, the two Latin stars who were meant to be the centre of the whirlwind, are finding out the hard way England's First Division is the toughest league in the world.

Spurs are hovering at the bottom end of the table. Their defensive record is the worst in the league.

Things came to a head a few weeks ago at Anfield, where European champions Liverpool whirled Tottenham's defence.

scrawl on the newly-painted wrought iron gates at the ground's main entrance.

No sooner had the signings been announced than the odds on Spurs winning the championship were slashed from 66-1 to 25-1.

Manager Burkinshaw said his new arrivals "prove that Tottenham thinks big and wants to be the best club in the country. Even by Tottenham's standards, this must be one of the biggest things in the club's history".

The supporters, who had been waiting with baited breath to see Ardiles and Villa in action for their new club, were far from disappointed with their first outing.

But the reality of Tottenham's situation was quickly dawning on them. It would be wrong to put the blame for Tottenham's plight on the Argentine duo. Villa and Ardiles were pulled the strings of a creditable away draw with reigning champions Nottingham Forest.

The trains were full. The Motorway was jammed, enthused Spurs secretary Geoff Jones. "It was back to the good old days, the feeling we had travelling with a great team to a big match".

Spurs drifted in from 25-1 to 16-1 for the title, and at last the stage was set for their first home game.

White Hart Lane swelled with a near capacity crowd. Half of London's telephone directories must have been torn up as the fans gave Ardiles and Villa a ticker-tape welcome reminiscent of the paper storms at Argentina's River Plate Stadium in June.

But what a disaster it proved to be. Visitors Aston Villa stifled Ardiles' delicate craft with rigid marking and inflicted a humiliating 4-1 defeat on the home team. Worse was to come.

They spent 750,000 pounds on Argentineans but... Spurs are still not good enough," was a typical newspaper verdict.

The man who brought the Latin duo to England, Keith Burkinshaw, said clearly his optimism shaken.

After the Aston Villa debacle he said he thought his two foreigners were "a bit surprised" by the quick taking of goal and hard running of typical English football, adding "It is possibly something they haven't come up against before."

A week later he spoke of them having "short term problems", saying "There is no doubt about their ability but they may take time to adjust."

But Burkinshaw remains firmly committed. "People told me it was the biggest mistake of my life buying them. But they are so obviously wrong. You can see clearly they are tremendous players and are going to be great assets."

One group not wholly enthusiastic about the Argentines' switch to England was the Professional Footballers Association (PFA), the players' trade union.

The PFA made a point of asking the Department of Employment to satisfy itself that Tottenham did try to sign players of similar quality from England.

Gordon Taylor, a PFA executive committee member, said: "If the trickle of foreign players becomes a flow it would be detrimental to our members. Whatever way you look at it, there could already be too many English players out of a job at Spurs."

It is a similar objection from the union that is presently holding up the transfer of yet another Argentine International World Cup star, full back Alberto Tarantini, to Bir-

mingham City for 250,000 sterling (£250,000 Aust. dollars).

Birmingham boss Jim Smith retorts: "I can understand the fears for both players to take private tuition in English. The cynics are wondering whether the word 'relegation' has been introduced into their vocabulary."

It is early days yet to assess their full impact here, but so long as Spurs continue to struggle, the Doughty Thomases are having a field day.

The present mood seems to be: "Don't cry for us, Argentina — yet."

